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## ATTENTION TURNS TO SPANISH WAR

### FRENCH INDIGNATION AT IL DUCE

Paris, To-day.  
Much indignation is expressed in the French press, both by Right and Left Wing journals, at the Rome announcement that Italian troops would not be withdrawn from Spain.

Madame Tabouis, the noted political commentator, writing in "L'Œuvre," recalls Mussolini's promise, under the Anglo-Italian Agreement, to withdraw Italian troops from the Peninsula.

However, a despatch from Spain says that General Franco is removing all Italian troops from Catalonia in order to allay French fears.

### IMPERIAL STATE CROWN MAY GO TO CANADA

London, To-day.

No decision has yet been taken on whether the Imperial State Crown is to be taken to Canada when the King and Queen visit the Dominion this year.

In the past, when the reigning Monarch has visited the Empire, the Crown has stayed in England.

When King George V was crowned at Delhi a special Crown of India was made.

It is possible, however, that the Crown may be taken to Canada on this occasion, as the rule may have been changed by the provisions of the Statute of Westminster.

### CONFIDENCE GROWS IN BRITAIN AND FRANCE

London, To-day.

The President of the Board of Education, Earl de la Warr, made another reference to international affairs yesterday.

Speaking to reporters on his return from Paris, Lord de la Warr said it had been very encouraging to find the same spirit of growing confidence in France as there was in England.

It was a confidence, he said, arising from knowledge of our reserves of strength.

### BRITAIN RELYING ON WORD OF ROME AND BERLIN

London, To-day.

In view of the very rapid developments in Spain, attention is turning more and more to the situation which will arise if and when the civil strife comes to an end.

The position regarding foreign intervention is governed by the assurances which the British Government has received from both the Italian and German Governments.

So Far as the Italian Government is concerned, the most explicit undertaking was given at the time of the Rome Agreement, and this was renewed to the British Ministers when they visited Rome a few weeks ago.

In a Note exchanged with the British Ambassador in Rome, Count Ciano put on record the assurances he had given in the course of conversations leading up to the Agreement.

Having confirmed Italian adhesion to the British plan for evacuation of volunteers of foreign nationality from Spain, the Note continued.

"I desire secondly to reaffirm that if this evacuation has not been completed at the moment of termination of the Spanish Civil War, all remaining Italian volunteers will forthwith leave Spanish territory and all Italian war material will simultaneously be withdrawn.

#### NO TERRITORIAL AIMS

"I wish thirdly to repeat my previous assurance that the Italian Government have no territorial or political aims and seek no privileged economic position in or with regard to either metropolitan Spain, the Balearic Islands, any of the Spanish possessions oversea or the Spanish zone of Morocco, and that they have no intention whatever of keeping any armed forces in any of the said territories."

#### DISINTEGRATION

Meanwhile, the Spanish Government has left Catalonia and the military situation on this front is reported to be in the final stages of disintegration.

Spanish Government troops in large numbers are crossing the French Frontier, where they are being disarmed and interned.

The British government has been keeping in close touch with the French Government, with a view toconcerting their influence wherever the opportunity may arise to secure the avoidance of purposeless bloodshed.

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### SMALLPOX ON STEAMER FROM SHANGHAI

Victoria (B.C.), To-day.  
The British motorship, "Queen Victoria" has been placed in quarantine and the entire crew isolated, following the vessel's arrival from Shanghai with smallpox on board.

The boatswain, George Lorimer, died of smallpox on the voyage, and another man on board is also believed to be suffering from the disease.

The "Queen Victoria" is a ship of 4,937 tons owned by the Queen Line of London. — Reuter.

Federal Cabinet, which is meeting at Hobart, Tasmania.

The scheme was explained by Major-General Sir Thomas Blamey, Deputy Chief of the Australian General Staff.

#### SINGAPORE APPEAL

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
FROM THREE PARTS OF THE  
EMPIRE YESTERDAY CAME  
NEWS IN CONNEXION WITH  
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MOVEMENTS.

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In Singapore, Major-General Dobbie, G. O. C., Malaya, appealed for 200 more volunteers.

Major-General Dobbie said that in the event of war, Englishmen from Europe would have to stay and help in defence of the fortress.

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## M.P.'S INTEREST IN YANGTSE AND PEARL RIVERS

London, To-day.

The British Government is not acquiescing in the policy of holding up British shipping in the Far East, declared Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Butler also answered questions on both the Yangtse and Pearl Rivers.

### YUGO-SLAV PREMIER GIVES INTERVIEW

Belgrade, To-day.

That the principal aim of the new Government will be to seek a practical solution of the Croat question was again emphasised by Premier Cvetkovitch in an interview with a representative of the paper "Politika," published here yesterday.

Premier Cvetkovitch said that this aim had already been indicated in a letter addressed to M. Stovadinovitch by five ministers who resigned on Saturday and who form the nucleus of the new cabinet.

Justification of the latter's policy was to be found in promises made to the Croats before the last elections and such policy was, moreover, dictated by important political reasons.

All papers, meanwhile, abstain from expressing views on the situation. Much importance is attributed in political circles to a recent book on the Croat question by Alfonso Hribar, who is a friend of the Premier, since it is believed that this book foreshadows some of the measures which the new cabinet intends to take.

#### TRIPARTITE DIVISION

Hribar advocates the tripartite division of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, each part to enjoy a large measure of political and cultural autonomy.

Questions of language, national flag, taxation and powers to be conferred on the ministers of the three lands should, according to Hribar, be solved in a sense of extensive decentralisation.

Premier Cvetkovitch, who is 46, was born in Niš and studied at Swiss universities. After being mayor of his native town he became chairman of the Yugo-Slav Radical Group in Skupština.

The new Foreign Minister, Alfonso Cincar Markovitch, has for the past three years been Minister in Berlin.

It is expected that an important part in the Cabinet will be played by the Minister of Justice, Nicholas Ruskitch, who as a former son of Croatia, entertains close relations with Croat political circles.—Trans-Ocean.

Commander A. Marsden (Conservative, Chertsey) asked whether the Government had received any statement from the Japanese Government on the question of reopening the Yangtse.

Mr. Butler said no statement had been received subsequent to their Note of November 14 last year.

#### YANGTSE TRADING

Further evidence of Japanese trading on the Yangtse was communicated to the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs by the British Ambassador in Tokyo, Sir Robert Craigie, on January 13.

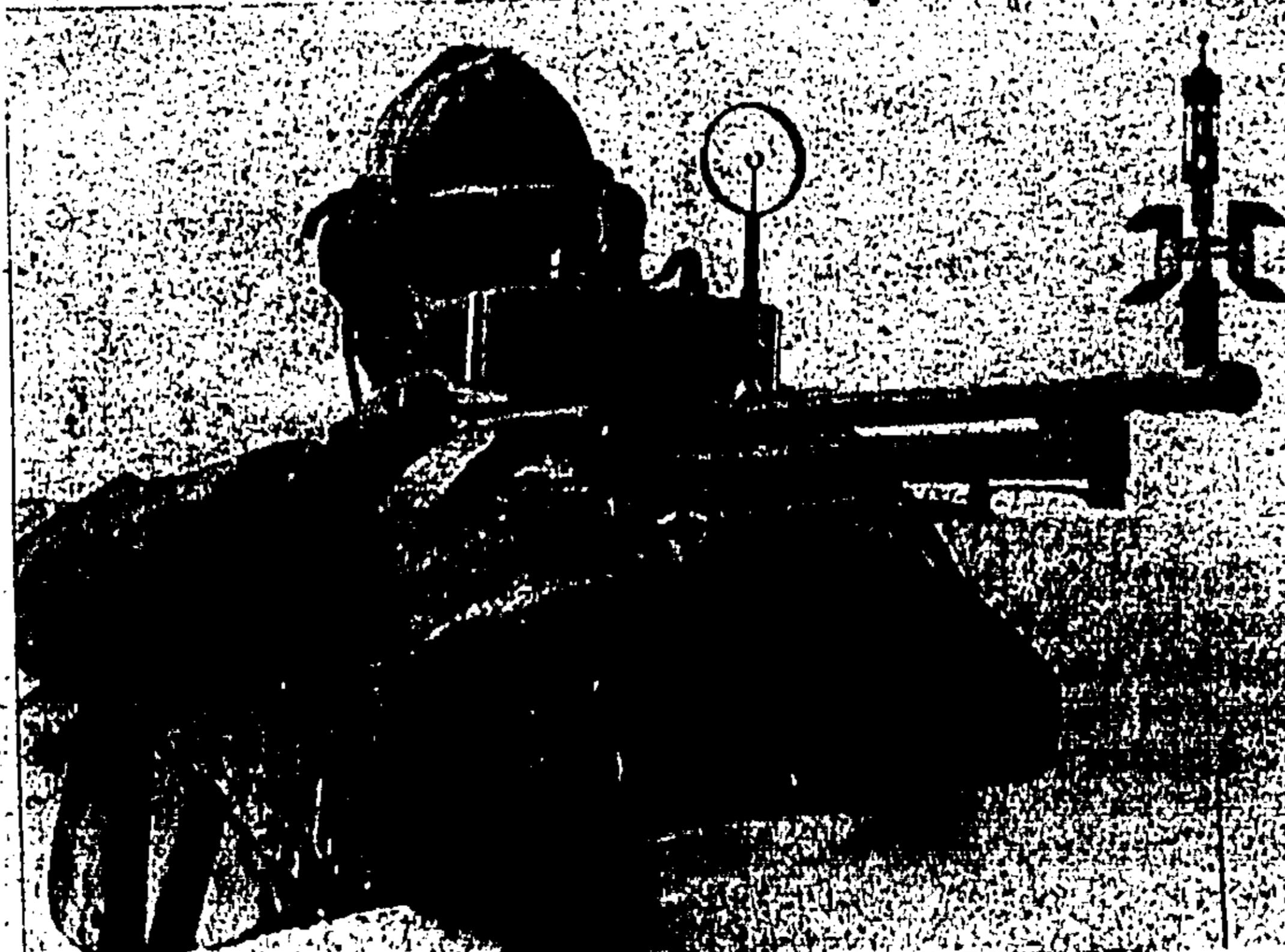
Mr. A. V. Alexander (Labour, Hillsborough) then asked if the British Government was acquiescing in the policy of holding up British shipping.

Mr. Butler: No.

#### THE OLD EXCUSE

Commander Marsden asked under what rule of international law were the Japanese preventing British vessels from using the Pearl River.

Mr. Butler said the Japanese alleged that they were conducting military operations which would be impeded by the movement of third party shipping.—Reuter.



Because more air observers for multi-seater aircraft are needed in the bigger R.A.F. it has been decided to recruit a large number direct from civil life during the next six months as a temporary measure. A Royal Air Force Air-Observer School devoted to armament training has just opened its first course in the North of England. This school where this picture was taken, can deal with sixty air observers at a time, and there is a six weeks course in gunnery and bombing. Photo shows an air gunner, in his flying kit, at his gun during target practice. (Picture passed by Air Ministry).

### RECRUITING FOR R.A.F.

London, To-day. The Air Ministry announces that 1,080 recruits joined the R.A.F. in the past week compared with 358 in the corresponding period last year.

This brings the total acceptance of pilots, observers and boys since April 1 to 27,862, compared with 13,292 in the corresponding period the previous year.—Reuter.

### JAP. ACTION AGAINST BRITISH EXPORTERS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE REFUSAL OF THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES TO ALLOW GOODS TO BE EXPORTED FROM TSINGTAO WHEN THE EXPORTS HAD BEEN FINANCED THROUGH FOREIGN BANKERS BY MEANS OF CHINESE NATIONAL CURRENCY, WAS MENTIONED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AT QUESTION TIME YESTERDAY.

Mr. Robert Morgan (Conservative, Stourbridge, who raised the question, asked what action the Prime Minister had taken.

Mr. Morgan also wanted to know whether such a refusal on the part of the Japanese had been extended to any other ports in China.

#### SYSTEM EXTENDED

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply said there had been cases in recent months in which the Japanese authorities at Tsingtao had refused to permit exports either on the ground mentioned by Mr. Morgan or without assigning any reason.

The British Consul-General at Tsingtao had made frequent representations in the matter to his Japanese colleague, who pleaded "military necessity" as justification for the action taken.

The matter had also been taken up by our Ambassador in Tokyo.

The system of export permits was recently extended to Weihaiwei and Chefoo, where the situation was being closely watched, said Mr. Butler.—Reuter.

### NEW COMMANDER FOR SHANGHAI

London, To-day. The War Office announces that Col. F. K. Simmons, at present in Palestine, has been appointed Commander of British troops in the Shanghai area.

The appointment becomes effective on June 5.

Colonel Simmons was Military Attaché at Madrid from 1928 to 1931. He is now Commander of the Southern Brigade in Palestine.—Reuter.

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# PALESTINE TALKS OPEN IN LONDON TO-DAY

## BREACH BETWEEN TWO ARAB DELEGATIONS

London, To-day.

The Arab Higher Committee delegates are busily engaged in last minute preparations in case they are present at the London Palestine Conference.

Briefly, their case will be recognition of Palestine's complete independence, replacement of the Mandate by a treaty, abolition of the Balfour Declaration, and immediate cessation of Jewish immigration and land sales.

The question of possible confederacy also engaged their attention but it is felt that this subject could best be broached after signature of a treaty with Britain.

The Higher Committee delegates have received numerous cables from bodies in Egypt and Palestine.

Two particularly insisted that the Defence Party delegates speak only for themselves and that the Higher Committee solely represent Palestine.

### NO RAPPROCHEMENT

These cables have tended to stiffen the attitude of the Mufti Party towards the Defence Party, and the possibility of an early rapprochement between the two Arab delegations now seems remote.

Support for the Arab demands came yesterday from the Muslim League of India through its London representatives.

A manifesto sympathising with and augmenting the Arab claims for independence was issued last evening.

A copy has been placed in the hands of the Marquess of Zetland, Secretary for India, who has promised to convey the contents to the Government.

### NASHASHIBI TALKS

Fakhri Nashashibi, of the Arab Defence delegation, in an interview with Reuter, felt certain that the British Government had a real intention of finding a solution and establishing peace in Palestine.

The National Defence Party would accept any proposition leading eventually to independence of Palestine.

Nashashibi claimed that the Party represent at least 75 per cent. of the material interests in Palestine, and over 50 per cent. in numbers.

Whatever the result, the delegation would do what was just for the country without regard to personal ambitions.

The Defence Party would co-operate completely with the mandatory government to find a solution.

The representatives of the Arab National Defence Party were welcomed by the Colonies Secretary, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, when they arrived at Waterloo yesterday. — Reuter.

## BURMA ROAD QUESTION IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, To-day.

The new Burma road, China's lifeline, was mentioned in the House of Commons at question time yesterday.

The question was raised by Captain Peter Macdonald, Conservative member for the Isle of Wight.

Capt. Macdonald asked whether the Government of Burma was giving any assistance to improvement of the existing road to the Chinese frontier, whence it continued to Yunnan, and if not, whether in view of the development of this trade route to the Far East, it can bring this thoroughfare up to modern standards.

### ALL WEATHER STANDARD

Lt.-Col. Muirhead, Under-Secretary for India and Burma, replied that the Government of Burma had already brought the road from Lashio to the Chinese frontier, a distance of about 120 miles, up to all-weather standard.

Further work, he added, was now in progress upon its development. — Reuter.

## MILITARY ACTION IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, To-day.

During a military action last night two armed Arabs were killed and seven arrested, while firearms were seized in Samaria, where well-known terrorists lived.

The military also seized four rifles and illicit equipment in a village near Jerusalem.

Roaming bands were dealt with on the road running northward from Jerusalem. — Reuter.

## GAEKWAR OF BARODA PASSES

Bombay, To-day. Maharajah Gaekwar Sir Sayaji Rao III of Baroda, who had been seriously ill, died yesterday at the age of 75. The Maharajah had been in poor health for over a year. He was the third wealthiest Indian Prince. — Reuter.

## JAPANESE ATTACKS ON KULING

Wanchiafow, Kiangsi, To-day. Two successive assaults launched by the Japanese on Kuling, famous summer resort in north Kiangsi, on Sunday morning were repulsed by the Chinese, according to field dispatches.

The first attack was made by about 300 Japanese troops against the Chinese entrenched at Changlingchueh and Tatsailao, southwest of Kuling. It was repelled after two hours' fighting. Soon after, with the aid of reinforcements, the Japanese assaulted the Chinese positions at Tuleiling, but were again driven back after bitter fighting. — Central News.

## GUERILLAS NEAR HANKOW

Shanghai, To-day. Chinese guerillas are still very active in the vicinity of Hankow, according to a report from Trans-Ocean's Hankow correspondent, who learned from a reliable source that heavy fighting recently took place near Anlu, 100 kilometres north-west of Hankow, including a seven hours battle, in the course of which, the Japanese lost 24 dead and 500 wounded while Chinese losses are stated to have been very heavy. The Japanese garrison at Anlu numbers 1,200 men at present. — Trans-Ocean.

## RAILWAY TO BIAS BAY

Shiukwan, Kwangtung, To-day. The Japanese are constructing a light railway linking Whampoa and Bias Bay via Sheklung. The new line is nearing completion. — Central News.

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## SALESMAN'S EVIDENCE IN UNDERWRITERS CASE

STATING THAT HE CONSIDERED THE PRICES IN THE CLAIM WERE REASONABLY FAIR MARKET RATES, LO KAMUN, ASSISTANT SALESMAN OF CHEONG SHING HONG, TESTIFIED IN THE WITNESS-BOX THIS MORNING WHEN THE CASE, IN WHICH THE CHINESE FIRM IS CLAIMING \$30,906.25 FROM THE CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED FOR LOSS AND DAMAGE TO GOODS BY FIRE, CONTINUED BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, AT THE SUPREME COURT.

He said that he was well acquainted with the prices of marine foods. He could form an idea of the price from the name of any particular marine food.

Witness, in reply to Mr. H. C. Macnamara, then gave the prices of different marine goods. He admitted that he glanced through the statement of claim and that the prices of the different items were discussed with the fokis before being written down.

He said that he considered the prices in the claim were reasonably fair market rates.

Messrs. Eldon Potter, K. C. and H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. E. Davidson, appear for plaintiff firm, while the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, junior, and Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. O. E. C. Marton, are for defendants.

Plaintiff firm's goods were insured against loss and damage by fire, by policies with defendant company and other insurance companies to a total of \$150,000.

On January 7, 1938, goods stored in plaintiff's godown at No. 103, Connaught Road West were damaged by fire.

The case is continuing this afternoon.

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## NAVAL OFFICER ON DRIVING CHARGES

Lt. Duffin, of H.M.S. Medway, appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen on three summonses, for overtaking a car on the left hand side through the controlled area in Nathan Road on January 11, speeding and failing to produce his driving licence.

Chinese Traffic Sub-Inspector Tsui Po-ying, assisted by Inspector A. R. Britain, prosecuting, said that at 6.10 p.m. on January 11, he was driving at 20 m.p.h. towards Tsimshatsui through the controlled area in Nathan Road. When near Nanking Street Lt. Duffin overtook him on the left hand side, and speeded up to 28 m.p.h. when he reached defendant at the end of the controlled area. He asked for defendant's driving licence, which defendant did not have at the time. The Chinese Inspector was driving on the left centre of the road.

Lt. Duffin claimed that he had to overtake on the left hand side because the Inspector was driving in the centre of the road.

Mr. Macfadyen remarked that he should not have overtaken on the left hand side though the Inspector was driving in centre, as the speed limit through the controlled-area was 20 m.p.h.

Lt. Duffin was fined \$15 on the first two summonses and the third was withdrawn.

## STOLE WATCHES

At the Central Magistracy this morning, a 23-year-old bricklayer was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, with obtaining two wrist watches, from the Kwan Tai Shung firm, No. 151 Johnston Road, by means of false pretences. Sergeant Hutchinson said the watches had been recovered, and were valued at \$15 each.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed.

## AIR MAIL DELAY

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# GOVERNMENT ISSUES BILL TO AID LANCASHIRE COTTON INDUSTRY

London, To-day. The draft of the Government's Cotton Industry Re-organisation Bill was issued last night.

The Bill proposes establishment of a Cotton Industry Board of fifteen members, financially assisted by the Board of Trade.

The Board's function will broadly be,

Firstly, keeping a register of firms for collection of levies,

Secondly, promotion of the general interests of the industry by technical and economic research and general publicity measures, and

Thirdly, examination of sectional schemes.

#### EXPORT COMMITTEE

Special steps contemplated include establishment of an export development committee and a representative on the Advisory Council.

Special provision is made for safeguarding the interests of the rayon and wool textile industries.

One of the most important changes proposed is compulsory registration of firms in a general register to be kept by the Cotton Industry Board.

#### GOVERNMENT AID

Registration for merchants is to be optional.

Government assistance is provided on a pound for pound basis to the Board's expenditure during the first five years up to a maximum of £40,000 a year.

It is also proposed to include provisions to ensure that the service of any loan raised by the sectional board for the purpose of a redundancy scheme, will be met.

The total of such loans will be limited to £2,000,000.—Reuter.

## CHIANG TO CALL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Chungking, To-day.

An All-China Educational Conference will shortly be called by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to discuss plans for establishing schools and universities in the interior to continue educating China's youth, most of whom have been forced to suspend their studies owing to the hostilities.

Chancellors of all the Chinese universities have been summoned to attend the conference, which will be held in Chungking. — Our Own Correspondent.

## NAZIS THROW SCHACHT THEORIES OVERBOARD

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

IT IS LEARNED THAT WHEN DR. FUNK TOOK OVER THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REICHSBANK FROM DR. SCHACHT, HE WAS TOLD THAT WAGES, PRICES AND CURRENCY MUST BE KEPT STABLE AND THAT INCREASED TAXATION, AS REQUIRED BY DR. SCHACHT, MUST BE AVOIDED.

The Nazi theories also reject inflation but hold that increase in banknote circulation is not inflationary as long as the increase is accompanied by larger production of goods.

It is learned that Dr. Funk's view is that financing the Nazi regime cannot be the task of one generation, but debts must be spread over a longer period, which is also contrary to Dr. Schacht's policy.

#### TWO POSSIBILITIES

Industrial firms and the public are no longer able to help the state in defraying the enormous costs of armaments and public works.

Two possibilities are being considered. One is creation of a new kind of bonds resembling delivery notes.

It is understood that Dr. Funk hopes that by development of the Four-Year Plan and further rationalisation of industry it will be possible considerably to increase production, thus preventing a rise in prices.

Dr. Funk hopes to settle Germany's international debt problem.

He is of the opinion that when Jewish emigration is settled, the danger of flight of capital will be removed, and that it will then be possible to relax the foreign currency restrictions and consider the question of new foreign credits for Germany. — Reuter.

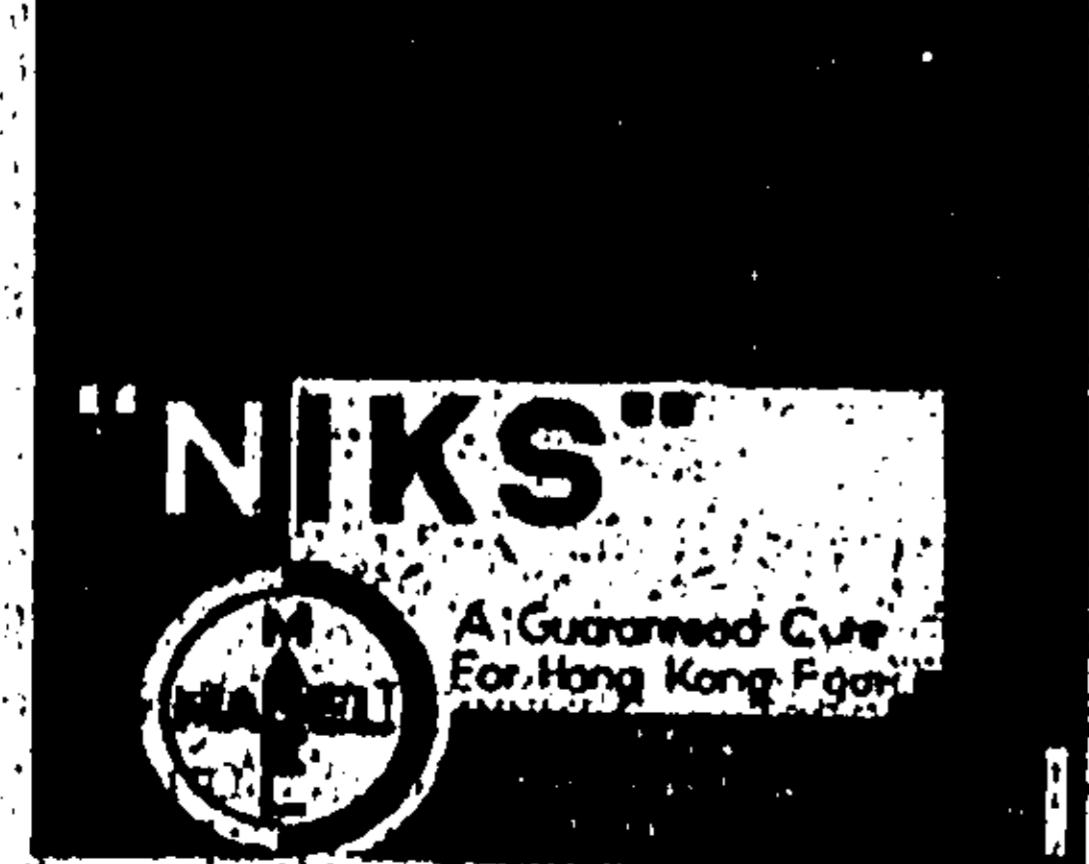
## CHINESE WOUNDED ARRIVE IN MACAO

Macao, To-day.

Some of those wounded in the Japanese aerial attack on two motor-buses on Sunday, arrived here yesterday.

The wounded included three Chinese women and two young children. One of the children had received head injuries and its head was covered with bandages.

Driver of the ambulance was the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, who is working in the Chungshan District for the Chinese Red Cross. He said the wounded he brought to Macao were the only ones whose condition could stand the journey. The wounded have been taken to the Macao Government Hospital. — Our Own Correspondent.



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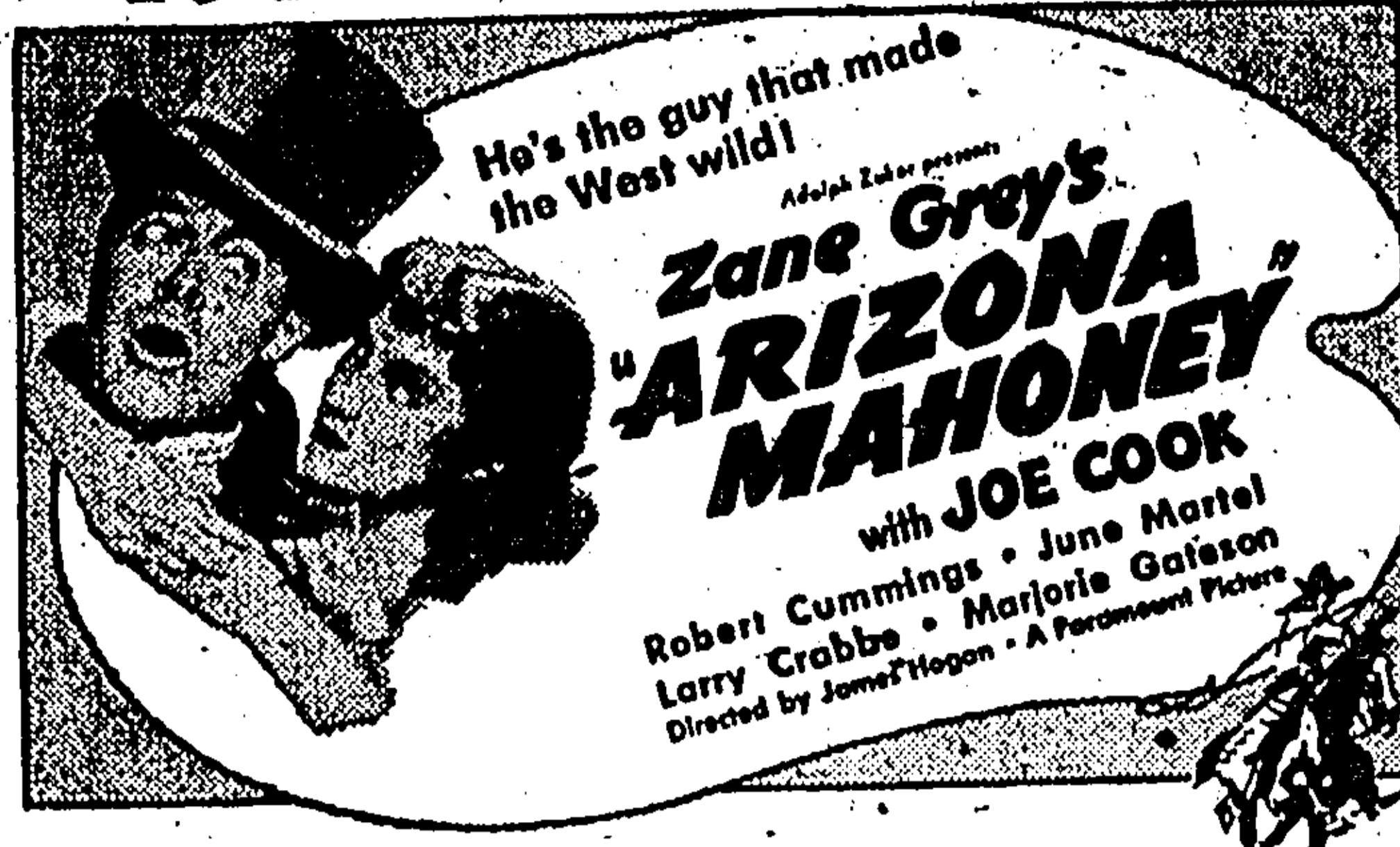


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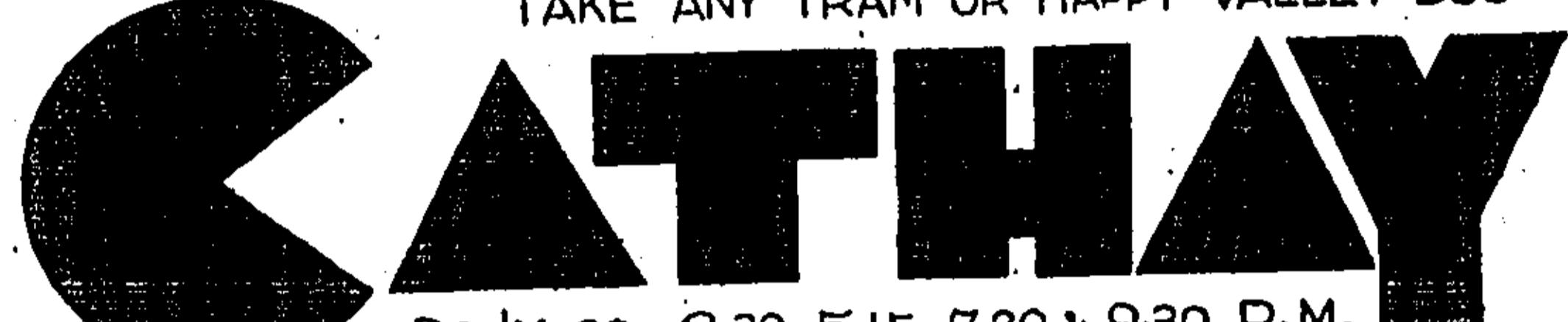
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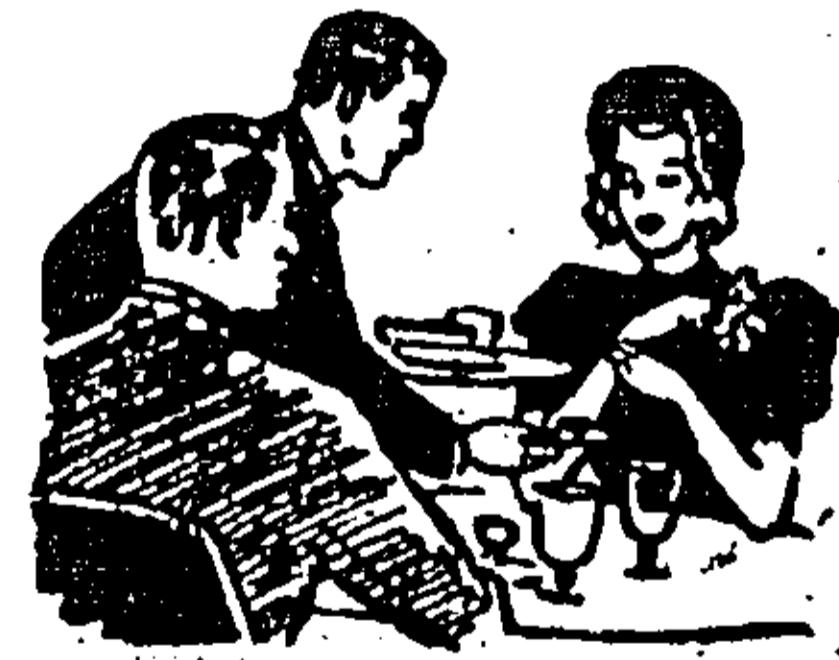
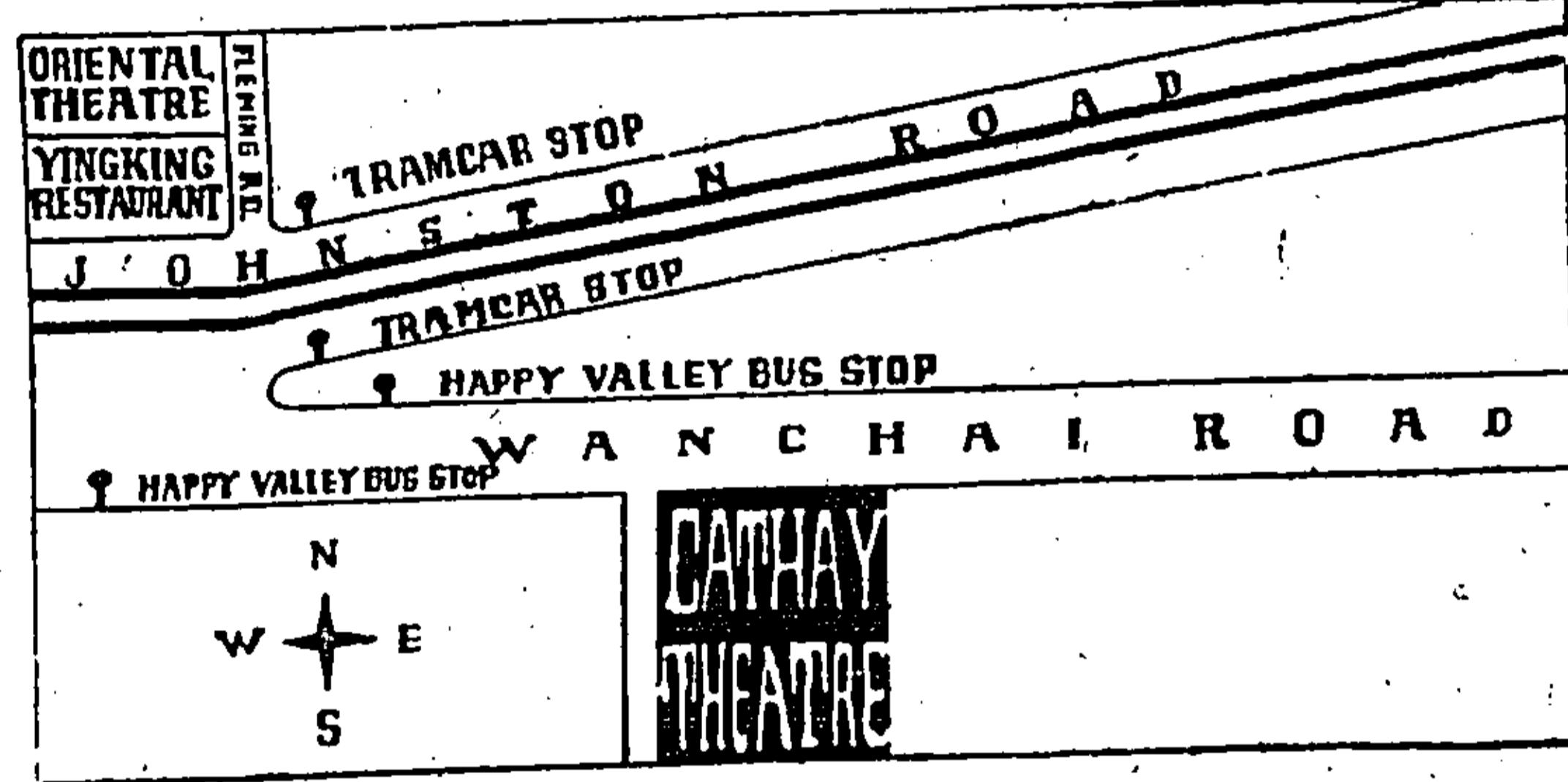
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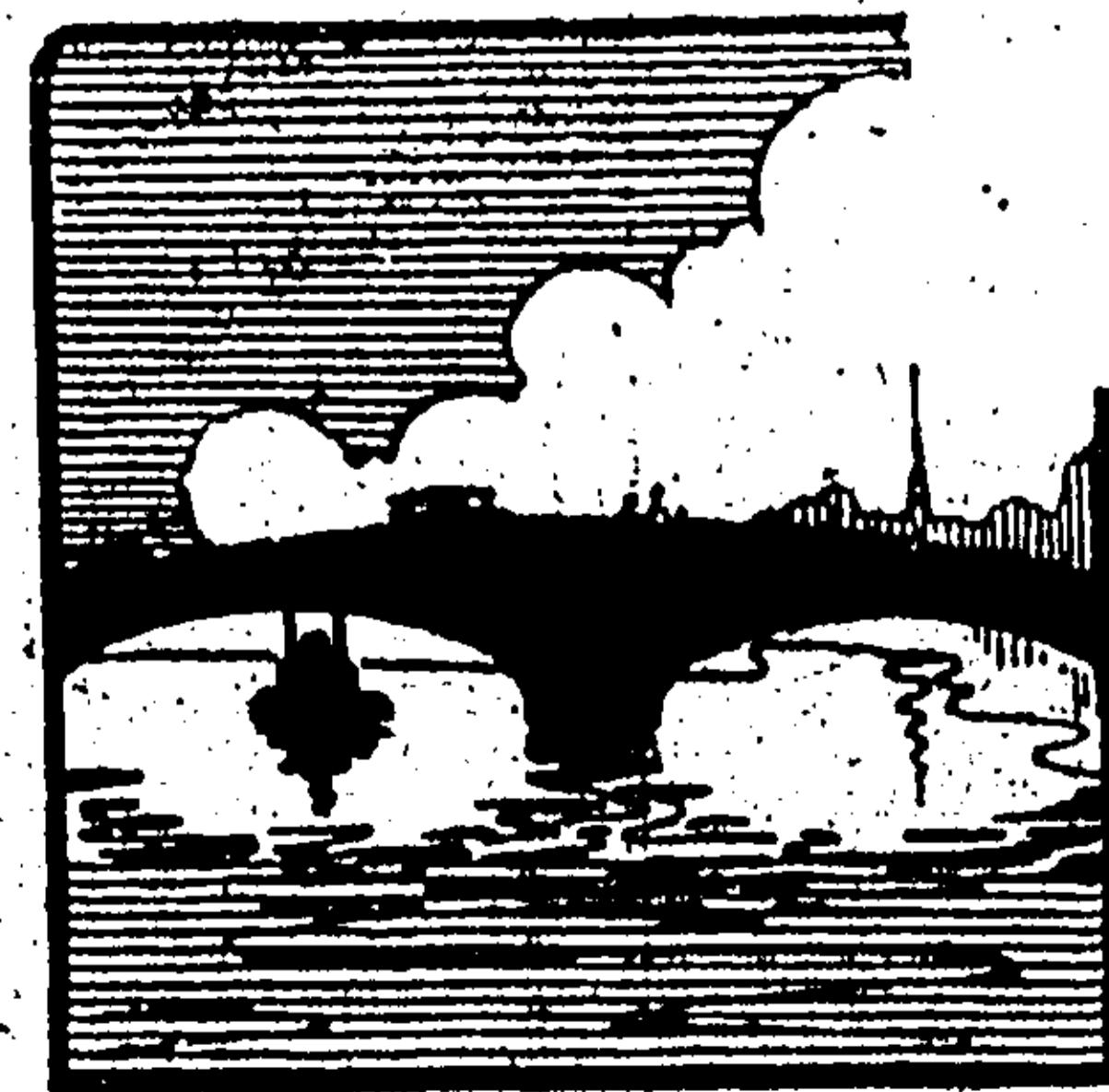
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## REBELS PRESS ON TO BORDER

Gerona, To-day. The advance of the Nationalist troops in North Catalonia in the direction of the French frontier continues without pause and practically no resistance is encountered.

In the western sector the army corps commanded by General Munoz Grande is pushing forward from Seo de Urgel to Puigcerda and is reported to have captured a large numbers of prisoners in the course of mopping up operations in the mountainous and thickly wooded region.

In the Berga sector the advance likewise continues in direction of Puigcerda from which the Nationalists were only some fifteen kilometres distant yesterday noon.

A detachment of troops has advanced towards Ripoll in the East and the evacuation of that town is stated to have already begun. From Vich the troops led by General Garcia Valino are advancing in two columns, one also on Ripoll and the other on Olot.

East of Gerona the Nationalists captured the town of La Bisbal while Legionaries advancing along the coast occupied Palafrugell early yesterday afternoon.—Trans-Ocean.

## DESPATCH RIDER FINED

A military despatch rider, J. Gilzean, of Wellington Barracks, was fined \$10 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning at Kowloon for driving at a speed in excess of 30 m.p.h. in the Nathan Road built up area.

Traffic Inspector A. R. Brittain, prosecuting, said defendant was doing 45 m.p.h. in Nathan Road. He caught defendant at the junction of Tai Po and Castle Peak Road.

## UNREGISTERED MUI-TSAI

As the result of an interview by a Chinese Lady Inspector of the S.C.A. with a girl, who has been registered as a "Ward" by her mistress recently, it was revealed she was serving as a mui-tsai for the family.

The mistress, Hui Yuet-sin, aged 28, of Reclamation Street, was this morning fined \$50 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy for keeping an unregistered mui-tsai.

The girl, who is 13 years of age, was told by her mistress to say she was a relative of hers when registering, but in fact she was sold to the woman in 1931.

## CHARLIE CHAPLIN SATIRE ON DICTATORS

HOLLYWOOD, TO-DAY. CHARLIE CHAPLIN HAS BROKEN SILENCE ABOUT HIS NEW FILM, "THE DICTATORS," IN WHICH HE WILL HAVE A TALKING ROLE FOR THE FIRST TIME.

The story and dialogue are finished, he said yesterday, and screening will begin on March 15. It is hoped the film will be ready for release in the early Autumn.

The story was naturally concerned with the Dictators, declared Mr. Chaplin yesterday, but the primary purpose was to make people laugh.

## COMEDY VEHICLE

"The present political situation makes an exceptional vehicle for comedy. People with an over-abundance of dignity and an over-supply of power have always in the end been targets for laughter."

Charlie Chaplin plays the dual role of Dictator and inmate of a concentration camp who resembles him exactly.—Reuter.

## KENTS IN POLAND

Warsaw, To-day.

The Duke and the Duchess of Kent will, it is announced, arrive in Poland on February 21, on a visit to Count Przezdziecki at his estate at Voropayev.

The Duke and Duchess will also visit Warsaw where they will be received by President Moscicki and where the Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, will give a gala dinner in their honour. Count Przezdziecki owns a large forest in East Poland in which wolves, lynx and wild bears are hunted.—Trans-Ocean.

## ILL TREATMENT OF MUI-TSAI

The alleged ill-treating of a mui-tsai with a cane was mentioned at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning by Inspector H. W. Fraser, of the S.C.A., when he prosecuted a married woman, Lau Pin-chun, of Apliu Street, before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen.

The charge was, according to the Inspector, brought when her 11-year-old mui-tsai, Lin Yau, reported the alleged ill-treating at the Shamshuiipo Police Station on Saturday.

The girl had been examined by a Government doctor who testified that there were about 20 cane marks on both legs and others on the forearms.

A fine of \$50 was imposed.

## THEFT OF MEDICINE

Ng Yeung-sum, 28, unemployed was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing 118 pounds of Chinese medicine, the property of the master of Fuk Yuen Chinese medicine firm.

It was alleged that defendant was seen at Des Voeux Road West, engaging two coolies to carry the medicine, at about 5 a.m. yesterday morning. When questioned, he admitted stealing the medicine from the roof of No. 23, Bonham Strand West.

Chuanchow, Fukien, To-day. Quiet prevails along the Fu-kien coast. Three Japanese warships are anchored at Amoy and Quemoy and two off the coast of Tsingkiang. — Central News.

# SCOTLAND YARD BUSY IN FACE OF THREATS

## PRECAUTIONS AT BRITISH MUSEUM

London, To-day.

The air of expectancy among the population of London aroused through the cross-examination of twelve Irishmen accused of attempted treason and bomb outrages, increased last night after it had been made known from official sources that plans had been discovered showing that the police station in Bow Street was to have been blown up in the course of the night.

Scotland Yard informed Bow Street of this by telephone late in the afternoon whereupon all necessary precautionary measures were taken. Scotland Yard was itself beforehand notified by telephone of the plot anonymously.

Last evening the entrances of Bow Street Police Court were strongly guarded by detachments of police who made a tour of inspection through all parts of the building every half an hour as it was feared that persons who had attended the public examination of the twelve Irishmen might be able on leaving the building to conceal a time fuse bomb.

### IN BRITISH MUSEUM

Numerous precautionary measures are now also being taken in the British Museum. All visitors are being required to open handbags and cases.

The police emphasise that this is merely a precautionary measure and that no indications whatever have been received that any attack on the British Museum is contemplated.

Nevertheless, it has been noticed that every single visitor is closely scrutinised by the police on duty at the museum and often strangers are followed about the museum during the visit.

Reliable observers declare that the traffic on the underground railways has decreased since the investigation at Bow Street began.

### BUSES CROWDED

As against that, the motorbus traffic has greatly increased and last evening the lines going from the West End and the city to the suburb were all crowded.

Police enquiries into the recent outrages are proceeding, and last night it became known that a man had been detained in Liverpool on a charge connected with Friday's explosions at London tube stations.

Meanwhile, the twelve men who had been arrested following earlier outrages, appeared on remand at Bow Street Police Station charged with conspiring to cause explosions.

### I.R.A. DOCUMENTS

Documents purporting to be issued by the "Irish Republican Army" were read by prosecuting counsel, outlining what was described as a plan for bombings and other outrages calculated to cause panic and dislocate important services.

Accused were again remanded.—Trans-Ocean and British Wireless.

## TEA CONFERENCE

London, To-day.

The next session of the international tea conference has been fixed for March 2, when the quota for the period from April 1, 1939 to March 31, 1940 will be fixed.—Trans-Ocean.

## ROYAL WEDDING IN CAIRO

Cairo, To-day.

The programme for the wedding of the Iranian Crown Prince Mohamed Resa and the Egyptian Princess Fawzia has now been definitely fixed.

Mohamed Resa will leave Teheran on February 20, and proceed via Baghdad to Cairo where he is expected to arrive on March 3. The Crown Prince will stay in Egypt as a guest of King Faruk. The signature of the marriage contract will take place on March 16, before the Rector of the University Sheik el Maraghi.

The Crown Prince and his consort accompanied by the Dowager Queen Nazli will leave for Iran by the Royal yacht "Mahroussa" at the beginning of April.

On April 14, the Royal couple and their Egyptian guests will be received by the Empress of Iran at the Port of Bandar Shapur. The official reception by Resa Sha will follow in Teheran. The wedding festivities will last from April 21 till April 24, — the anniversary of the Shah's ascent of the throne.

— Trans-Ocean.

## DR. AZANA REPORT

Geneva, To-day.

Reports received here state that the President of the Spanish Republica, Dr. Azana, arrived in Colones, 20 kilometres south-west of the lake of Geneva, on the Franco-Swiss frontier, yesterday.

Dr. Azana, it is stated, is on his way to his brother-in-law, the former Spanish Consul General in Geneva.

## AMBASSADOR'S TRIBUTE

Col. C. R. Spear, Military Attaché to the British Embassy, was present at the funeral of the late Major R. Scott, who had been Assistant Attaché.

Col. Spear represented the Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, and laid a wreath on the grave for the Ambassador.

## OVER TWO MILLION OUT OF WORK

London, To-day.

Ministry of Labour estimates at January 16, on the number of insured persons in employment in Great Britain was approximately 12,079,000. This was 184,000 less than a month before and about 50,000 less than a year before.

At the same date, registered unemployed numbered 2,039,026, comprising 1,594,430 wholly unemployed, 379,027 temporarily laid off and 65,568 normally in casual employment. The total was 207,644 more than a month before and 211,419 more than a year before.

Of the increase of 207,654, over 39,000 is accounted for by the first registration of boys and girls leaving school at the end of the December term, while 84,319 is in respect of persons temporarily laid off.

Part of the decline in employment was due to the severe weather which restricted outdoor employment at the date of the January count.—British Wireless.

## SOUTH AFRICAN LAND DEAL

Berlin, To-day.

The South African Government recently purchased 700,000 hectares of land in South-West Africa from the Liebig Company, according to a Capetown report in the "London Times," which asserted that the offer made by the German Government for acquisition of the property in question was outbidded by the Government of the Union.

The report also stated that the purchase was in the nature of a "reaction" against the protests of the German inhabitants of South-West Africa who recently complained of expropriation measures carried out by the Mandatory authorities.

— Trans-Ocean.

## SHANGHAI CUSTOMS

Chungking, To-day.

A foreign high Customs officer denied that the Shanghai Customs would be reorganised as reported by Mr. A. Arita, Japanese Foreign Minister, in the House of Representatives but admitted that the Japanese had asked for an increase of Japanese officers in the Customs, which matter was being discussed between the Shanghai Customs Commissioner and the Japanese authorities, a Shanghai message states.—Central News.

## POLISH JEWS' PETITION

London, To-day.

Jews in Poland have sent a petition to the British Government in favour of reopening emigration of Jews to Palestine.

The petition points out that 190,000 of 350,000 Jews who have emigrated since 1927, were Polish Jews.

## FOREIGN VOLUNTEERS LEAVE SPAIN

Paris, To-day.

Special committees of French officers have it is announced been formed to deal with the thousands of soldiers of the International Brigade who are crossing the Pyrenean frontier from Catalonia. Whereas the Spanish militiamen are being marched off to Argeles sur Mer where they will be interned, foreign volunteers belonging to the 11th regiment of the International Brigade who reached Le Perthus yesterday morning are provisionally detained there.

Among these volunteers are a number of German, Danish and Polish Communists who are placed under special control in the camp at Le Perthus.

In addition to the committees of French officers, the international control commission for supervision of the withdrawal of foreign volunteers from Republican Spain is stated to be carefully examining the newcomers.

This commission consists of a British General as Chairman assisted by one French, one Norwegian and one Iranian officer holding captain's rank. It is probable that only a few volunteers of the International Brigade can be repatriated since the majority have broken the laws of their respective countries so that the task will be incumbent on the international commission of discovering other States willing to receive these emigrants. — Trans-Ocean.

## GENEVA AND WORLD COURT

Geneva, To-day.

The League of Nations' Secretariat published yesterday correspondence with the Netherlands Government on the admissibility of denunciation of the optional clause of the Hague Permanent International Court by the Government of Paraguay last June.

The Netherlands Government declares that it does not wish to raise any opposition to this denunciation as such but that it makes all reservations regarding the rights of States to denounce treaties that do not in themselves contain any provision for doing so.

The Secretary-General of the League of Nations declared in his answer that he would bring the view of the Netherlands Government to the signatories of the Hague Statute and the members of the League of Nations.—Trans-Ocean.

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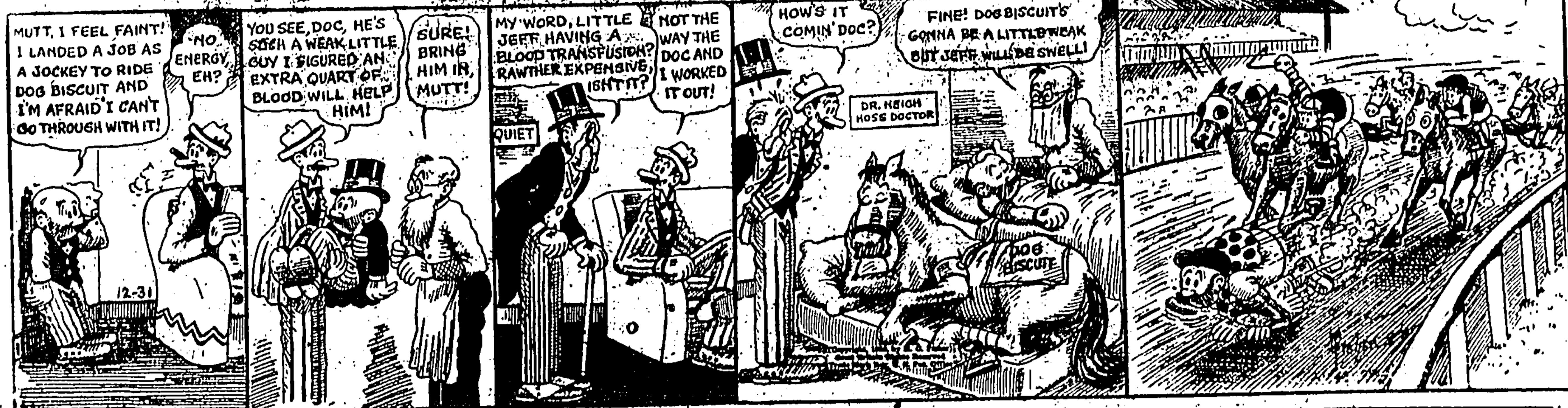
London, To-day.

Rear-Admiral Norman Wodehouse has been appointed Rear-Admiral in charge and Admiral Superintendent of the Naval Dockyard at Gibraltar in succession to Rear-Admiral Evans.

He will assume command about May 24.—Reuter.

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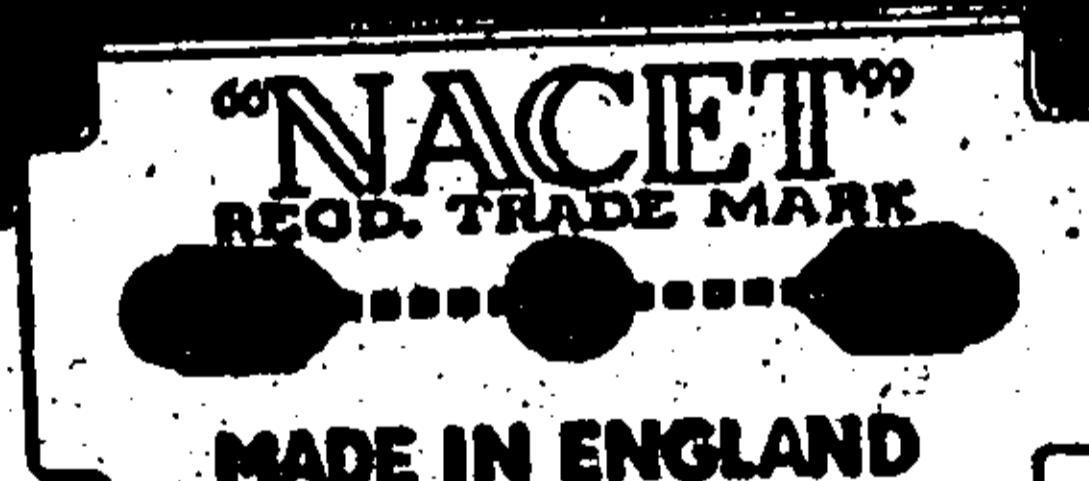
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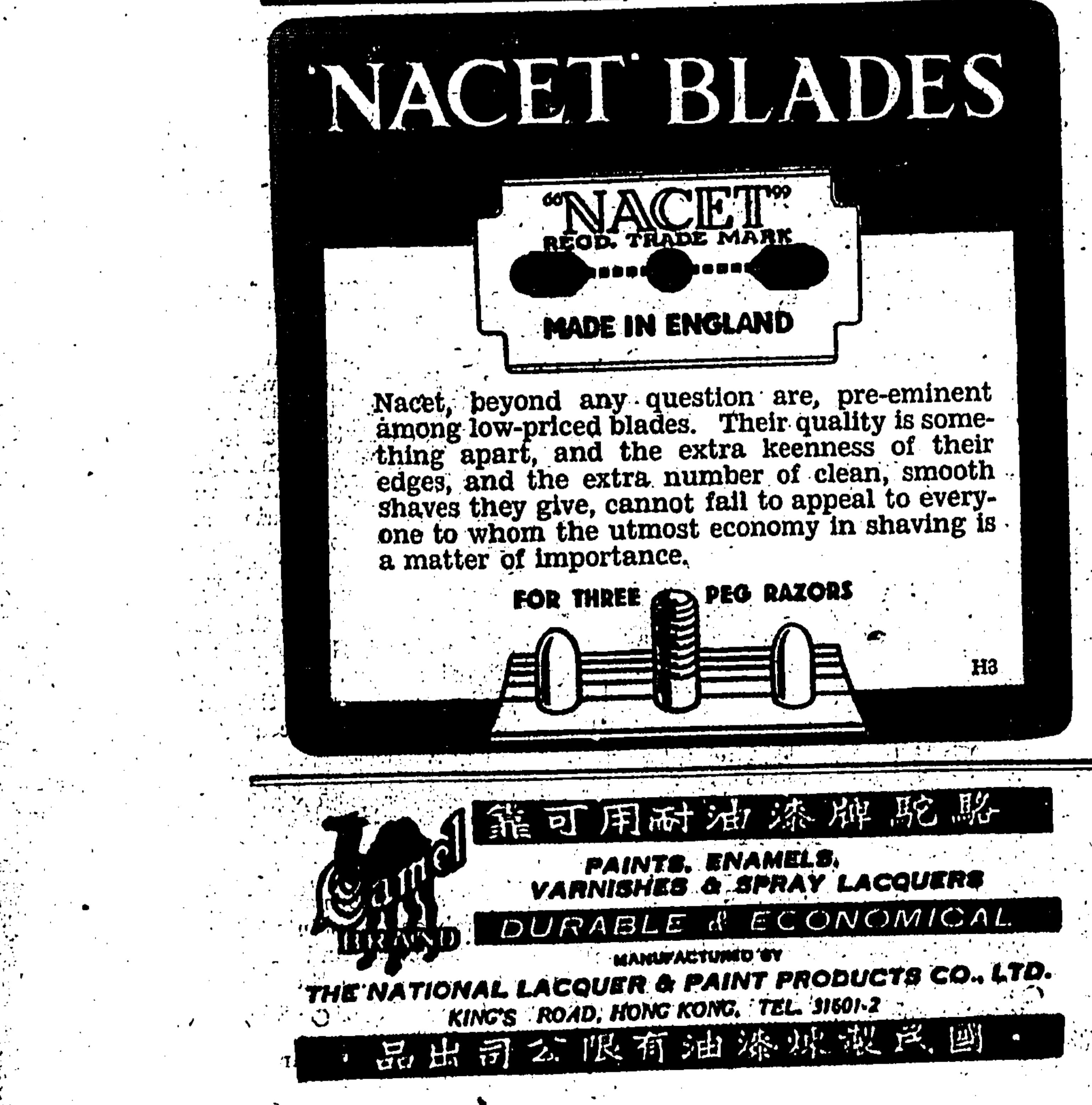
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## THE DAILY SHORT STORY

## SAFE ROBBERY

INSPECTOR Joe Warren eyed the man who sat across the desk from him. The man, thick-set and heavily-jowled, was a stranger.

"And why," Warren was saying, "do you think the man who entered your house last night and robbed your safe, was 'The Flash'?"

"Who else could do such a clean job? My safe is guaranteed burglar-proof."

Warren smiled. "No safe in the world is burglar-proof, Mr. Evans. You must have more of a reason than that. Did any one—a stranger by chance—visit your home within the past few days?"

"Now that you speak of it, a man who claimed to be a radio mechanic, called yesterday afternoon. He declared we sent for him."

"And did you?"

"No. But the mechanic insisted someone at the house had called. Before I could stop him he had entered the room where the radio is located."

"And where your wall safe is located?" Warren hazarded.

"True. But this man could be nothing more than a mechanic. He was him awhile. And how we'll work! We've got a score to settle with that bird." He looked toward the open door.

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But Warren was already on his way out. "I'll be back," he called, "and listen to your story after I've talked with Mr. Evans."

He slammed the door and hurried through the outer office. A police car waited below. Warren gave the address of the Evans home. Ten minutes later the car halted before a fashionable apartment house on Riverside Drive.

Warren took the elevator to the second floor and stepped out to be confronted by a middle-aged and greatly agitated man, who, for all the world, might have been the same person that the inspector had just left in the custody of Clancy.

"It's O.K., Mr. Evans," Warren smiled. "We've got your man back at the office. It was 'The Flash' all right. His disguise was perfect. Dead ringer for yourself. Don't know why, but he came up to consult me."

Mr. Evans' eyes opened wide. "Why, you don't say! And did you get the money—the \$20,000?"

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# NO CHANGE IN MONEY POLICY

Sir John Simon Moves The Currency Bill

## JAPANESE REVERSE ON WEST RIVER

MACAO, TO-DAY. THE JAPANESE TROOPS ADVANCING ALONG THE WEST RIVER FROM SHAMSHUI HAVE BEEN DRIVEN BACK TO THEIR FORMER POSITIONS BY A COUNTER-OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED BY KWANGSI TROOPS.

The old Samshui City is now in the hands of the Chinese and the Japanese have also withdrawn their troops from the bank opposite Samshui.

It is learned that the Kwangsi troops co-operating with the Kwangtung soldiers along the West River, are well equipped with modern armaments and light field pieces.

### CHINESE PLANES AT SAMSHUI

Sharp fighting occurred yesterday near Samshui, the Japanese leaving over 50 killed on the battlefield before retreating to Samshui.

Chinese planes appeared over Samshui yesterday but did not drop any bombs. The machines also visited Kaukong but left after cruising overhead for about 20 minutes.

According to messages from Canton, the Japanese have made no progress in the North River region. Constant attacks launched by guerilla bands have frustrated all plans to proceed further northwards along the Canton-Hankow Line.

Several Japanese gunboats arrived yesterday and are at present anchored at Bocca Tigris.—Our Own Correspondent.

## CHANCELLOR'S JUSTIFICATION OF MEASURE

London, To-day. No question of any change in monetary policy is involved in the Currency Bill, declared the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, moving the second reading in the House of Commons yesterday.

Sir John added that the Bill concerned certain details of the monetary mechanism, and recalled how the Exchange Equalisation Fund had been increased from £150,000,000 to £550,000,000 in order to check undue fluctuations in exchanges. Recent events had made it opportune to introduce the Bill.

Over a long period ending last Spring, gold stocks had continually increased, and amounted on January 31, to £385,000,000.

In the following six months there was a considerable exodus of gold, which represented refugee capital, gold stocks falling to £689,000,000, of which £151,000,000 was in the Exchange Equalisation account, the rest being in the issue department of the Bank of England.

### ENTIRELY JUSTIFIED

That tendency continued during the rest of the year. Some of the gold loss was due to repatriation of French funds, and some was due to undesirable speculation against the Pound.

The Bill was entirely justified. It made no difference to the fundamentals of the currency but was a

more accurate statement of facts. There was no trace of inflation or deflation in the proposals.

### CAPITAL RESERVE

One effect of revaluation would be the liberation of approximately £5,000,000.

Sir John declared he did not propose to treat the sum as revenue but as unrealised capital appreciation, which would be passed to the Exchange Equalisation account, where it would constitute a capital reserve.

The Bill was read a second time without a division.—Reuter.

The Bill made certain changes in machinery (says British Wireless), and it provided for more accurate presentation of facts by showing the true value of gold cover for the note issue.

The proposals had no bearing whatever upon the question of time or manner in which Britain might effect stabilisation of its currency on gold.

### NOT REGRETTED

That matter of high policy, Sir John Simon reminded the House, was dealt with in the monetary declaration of the British Commonwealth of Nations at Ottawa, which was reaffirmed at the World Economic Conference in 1938. Those declarations stood.

The loss of gold for the most part need not be regretted, for it meant the removal of volatile elements which were a nuisance rather than a source of strength, and also the return of confidence in the French financial situation which they welcomed.

## TRAFFIC CASES

Mr. D. W. Wagstaff, of No. 6 Kent Road, was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, for leaving his motor car unattended at Queen's Road, Central on January 11. A fine of \$6 was imposed.

Mr. H. B. Joseph, of the H. K. V. D. C., was fined \$2 for parking over time in Pedder Street.

A fine of \$4 was imposed on Mr. R. A. Harding, of No. 11 Duddell Street, for leaving his car unattended outside Holland House on January 28.

## STOLE FLOWER WREATHS

A 60-year-old unemployed named Li Fuk was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, with stealing two flower wreaths at Bonham Road outside the Nethersole Hospital on Sunday.

Defendant was ordered to sign a personal bond of \$20 for good behaviour in one year, and a sum of \$7 was given out from the poor box for passage and expenses to Kwong Chow Wan.

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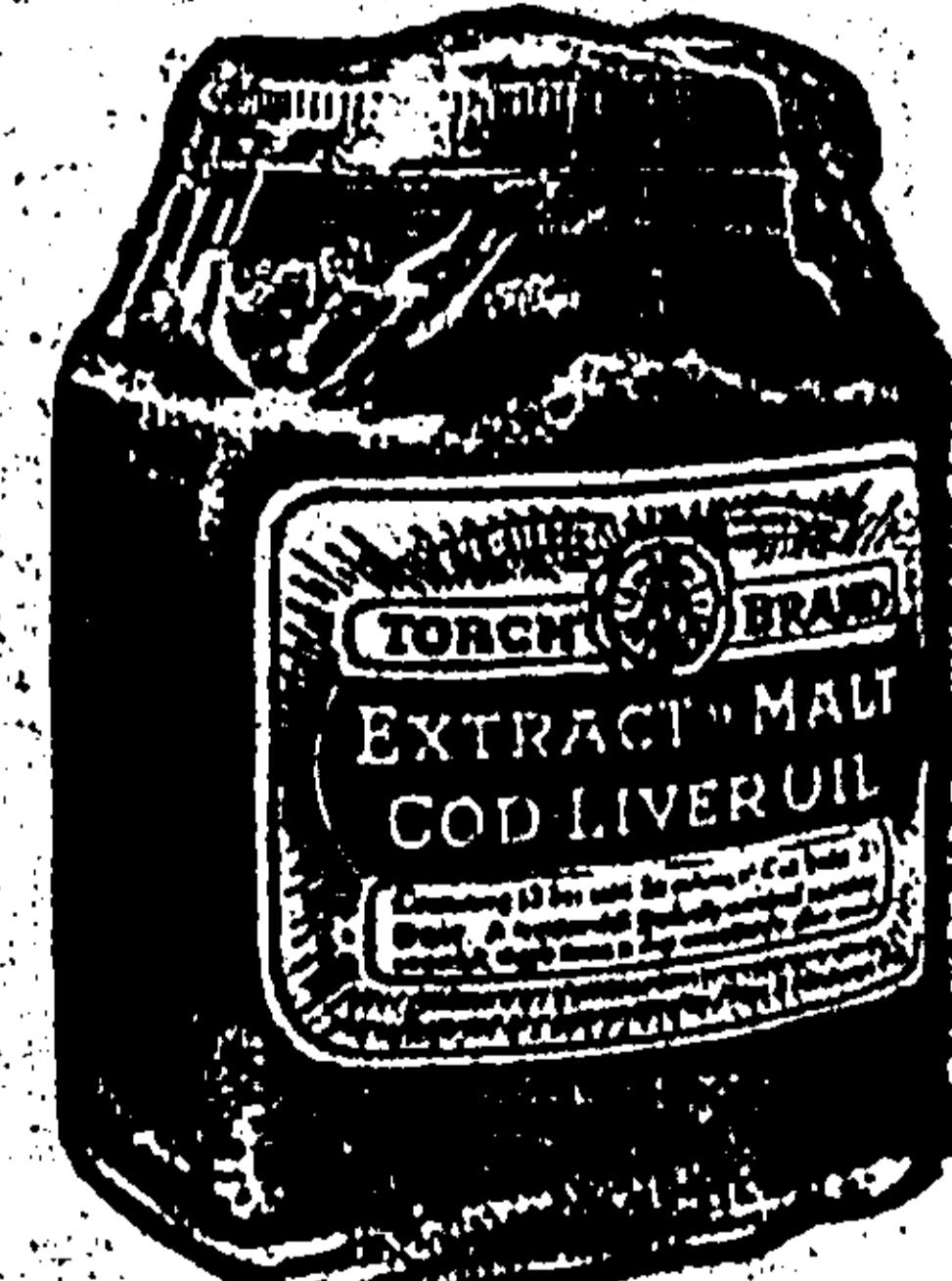
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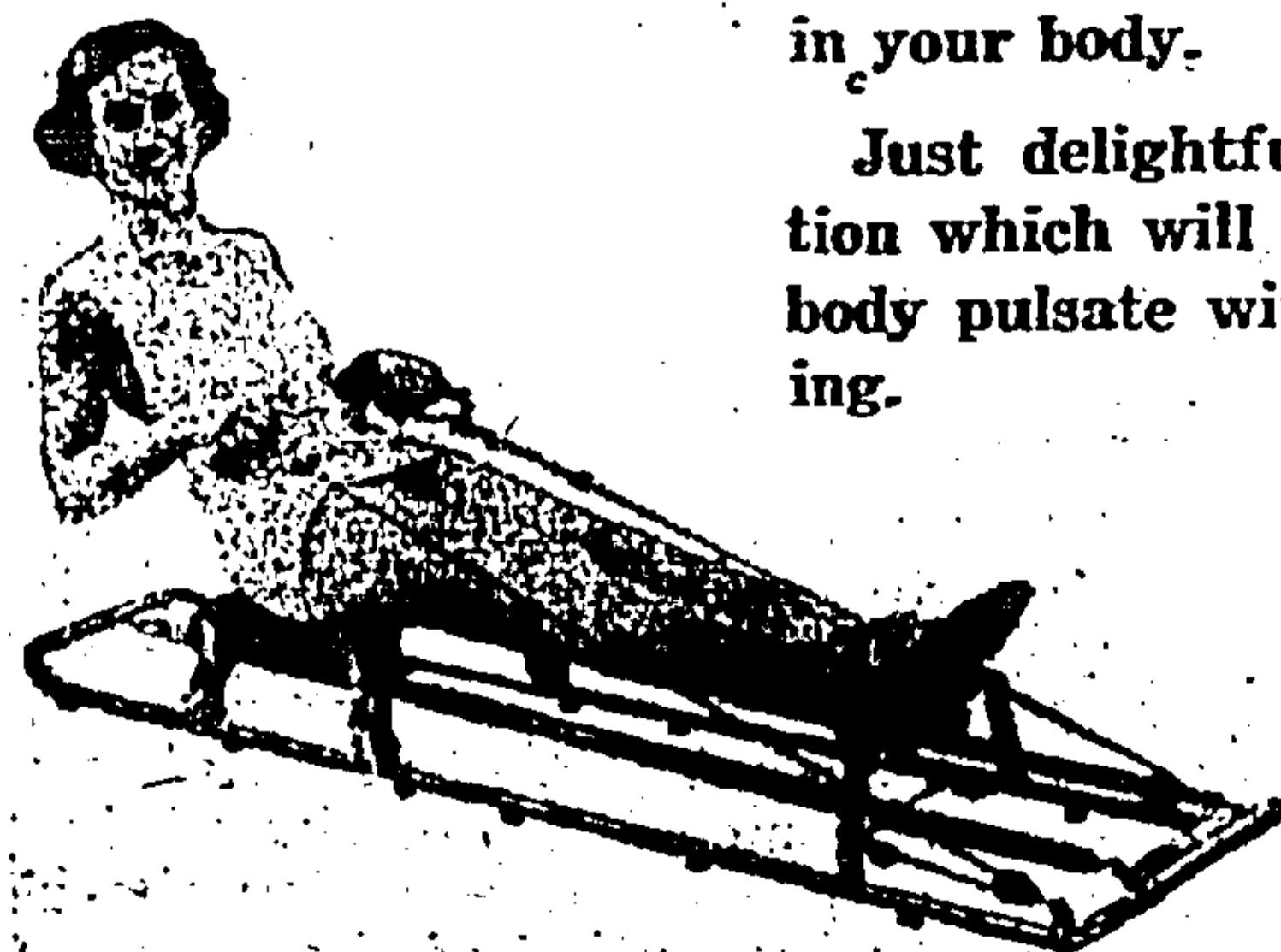
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### A.R.P.'S MEANING

As progressive stages are reached in the accelerating pace of A.R.P. organisation in Hong Kong, it requires no very great prescience to realise that the system planned for the Colony runs very closely to the model adopted for Great Britain. That system, introduced on a voluntary basis several years ago, was made a charge on the local governing authorities by the Air Raids Precaution Act, 1937. It received its first severe test during the September crisis of last year, with results which merited a good deal of adverse criticism. In spite, however, of the obvious unpreparedness of many local authorities, especially in London, to implement the plan in the critical days preceding the Munich Agreement, the A.R.P. organisation has stood the test of criticism, and the Government has seen no reason to modify, in broad outline, the instructions embodied in the original measure.

London, with its 8,000,000 inhabitants, has been called the best bombers' target in Europe. Inadequately defended, it is a dangerous temptation to the air forces of aggressor nations. Defended sufficiently well to ensure that aerial attack would not cause civilian panic, industrial disorganisation, and national defeat, it might prove to be the most potent deterrent against a general European war that the present generation has to offer.

The new concept of totalitarian war means that for the first time in history every civilian—man, woman, and child—becomes directly concerned with military operations. If London could be bombed from the air as readily and successfully as Canton, Hankow, Nanking, and more recently, Wanhsien and Kweiyang have been, fear of Britain's naval, military and air might would vanish from the war councils of Europe. A.R.P. and the decision of the Government to spend £20,000,000 on new measures of protection are inspired by this knowledge.

The basic idea behind the A.R.P. is to enrol a large voluntary force of private citizens willing to give up some of their leisure time in the evenings to learn their job and willing to help others to know what they should do if an air raid comes. First of all it is necessary to appoint air raid wardens, whose duties are to advise the inhabitants of a group of houses what to do in emergency, how to wear respirators, and where to report damage by bombs. They are responsible for guiding rescue parties, firemen,

and first-aid squads to the points where their services are required. And especially must they set an example of coolness and steadiness among neighbours and so reduce the risk of panic.

Air raid wardens who are now being appointed must be well acquainted with the districts in which they serve, and know how to call the fire brigade, the police, and the first-aid and ambulance services. They should be able to reassure frightened people and put them in touch with the help they need, so preventing a needless increase in casualties which would be sure to occur if there were confusion and disorder. In Hong Kong there are to be some 6,000 to 8,000 air raid wardens, grouped in small numbers, each group with a specified area under its control.

The next step is the organisation of voluntary first aid parties to tend to the injured and arrange for their removal either to first-aid posts or to hospitals. In Hong Kong these parties require a personnel of 400 at least; all persons who are not likely to be unnerved by the spectacle of physical suffering.

The next unit, though less likely to be needed, is the decontamination squad. Its duty is to decontaminate, with chemicals supplied by the Government, all roads, buildings, vehicles, and the clothing of the public after attacks with gases which cause burns and blisters that persist in some cases from seven to 10 days.

Rescue parties, formed of volunteers, are required to rescue persons who are trapped in buildings. These parties are directed by men skilled in demolition work and they are responsible, too, for shoring up or demolishing unsafe structures.

All fire brigades will be augmented by volunteer auxiliary firemen. These will serve as firemen, telephonists, messengers, and drivers of the auxiliary vehicles which are to supplement the work of the fire engines available in peace time.

Volunteers are also needed to assist the police, especially in the task of assisting traffic in darkened streets.

The first requirement in A.R.P. training, as in militia training, is to capture the interest of the volunteer by demonstrating the usefulness of his services and this can only be done by telling him frankly the problems with which he will have to deal under war conditions. It means, in A.R.P. training, showing him visually, by moving picture and photographs, the destructive effect of modern high explosive and incendiary bombs. A diagram showing the path of destruction caused by a solitary bomb in the streets of Barcelona is worth a library of written instructions.

The morale of the civilian population in war depends on how far it has faced the danger in advance, both mentally and materially. If people have been accustomed to see the A.R.P. organisation working efficiently in peace time, if every person knows automatically what to do the moment an air-raid warning is sounded, the possibility of panic will be negligible.

A.R.P. is, in effect, a great democratic experiment in self-defence. It calls for the active co-operation of the community in the passive defence of their homes and institutions. On the enthusiasm they bring to their service rests safety since ability to face threatened aerial warfare with confidence and equanimity is the most powerful deterrent.

# PREMIER'S SHOCK FOR MUSSOLINI

## Commons Statement Announcing Virtual Military Alliance

Rome, To-day.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons yesterday (in which the Prime Minister said that Britain would place all her forces at the disposal of France in the event of war) has given a shock to Italian political circles.

These circles regard it as a more clear cut expression of Anglo-French unity and interests than Mr. Chamberlain has ever made it before.

It was suggested in one quarter that Mr. Chamberlain's statement was tantamount to announcement of a military alliance as binding as that proclaimed by Hitler between Germany and Italy.

Many political observers consider that the statement shatters the belief which had always existed in Italy that no assurance of military support had ever been given by Great Britain to France.

It was contended that such an assurance had been sought by the French Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, after the Munich Agreement and was refused by Mr. Chamberlain.

It is now suggested that M. Daladier has been more successful.

Official circles decline to comment

except to say that "Italy's natural aspirations threaten the vital interests of no country."

### NAZI RESERVE

In Berlin, Mr. Chamberlain's statement has been received with much reserve.

The Prime Minister's assurance to France is not entirely new, a Nazi spokesman told Reuter last night, adding that he thought similar assurances were given at the time of the Czech-Slovak crisis.

Everything, he said, depends on

## CHUNGKING PROPOSALS BEING STUDIED

London, To-day.

Certain proposals by the Chinese Government for economic assistance are under consideration by the British Government, stated Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in answer to a question by Mr. Henderson (Labour) in the House of Commons yesterday.

He was unable, however, to make a detailed statement at present.—Reuter.

whether Mr. Chamberlain's words stiffen France's attitude.

In that case, the Nazi view is, it may lead to a further increase of existing tension and will have a "pernicious effect."

One commentator in Berlin said that Mr. Chamberlain's assurance was not unlike the one given Italy by Germany.

### FRANCE PLEASED

In Paris, Mr. Chamberlain's statement is regarded in French political circles as a most important announcement marking the close and indissoluble bonds uniting the two democracies.

The assurance is regarded as particularly significant in view of the suggestions that Great Britain was not warmly interested in Franco-Italian relations and was only bound to assist France if she were attacked by Germany.—Reuter.

## 300 BRITISH CLAIMS AGAINST JAPAN

London, To-day.

Three hundred claims, amounting to £230,000, for destruction, confiscation and damage from looting, have been accepted as admissible from British firms in China, and have been presented to the Japanese Government.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in an answer to Sir Charles Gayzer (Conservative, Chester).

Replying to supplementary questions, Mr. Butler stated that claims of this kind were usually settled at the end of hostilities.

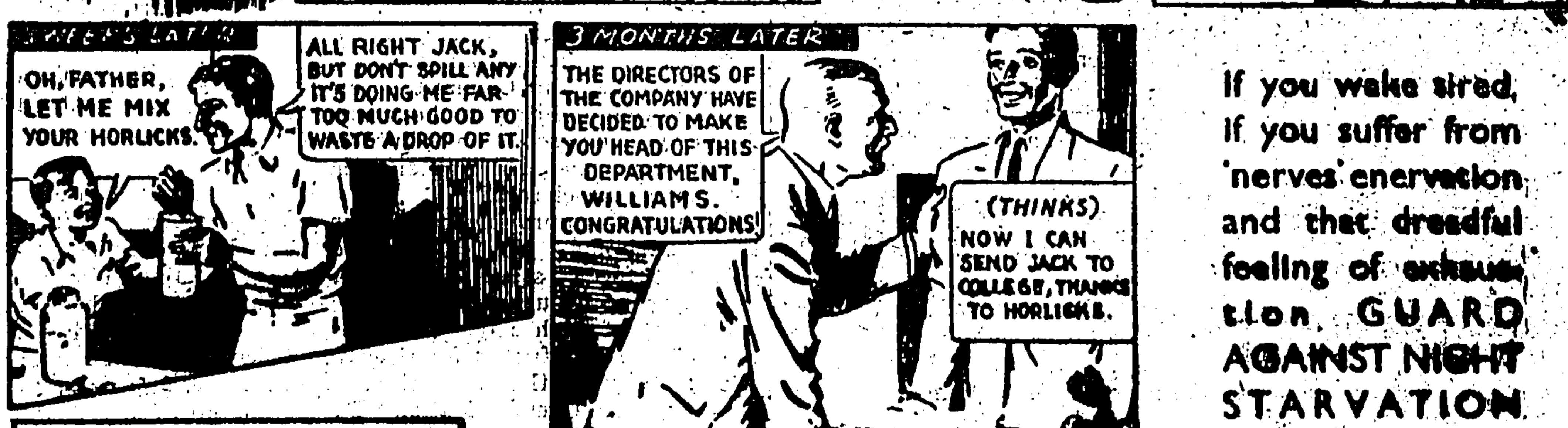
Asked whether it was not the case that the Japanese had declared they will pay no compensation for loss of property, Mr. Butler said: "I would not care to accept so general a statement as that."—Reuter.



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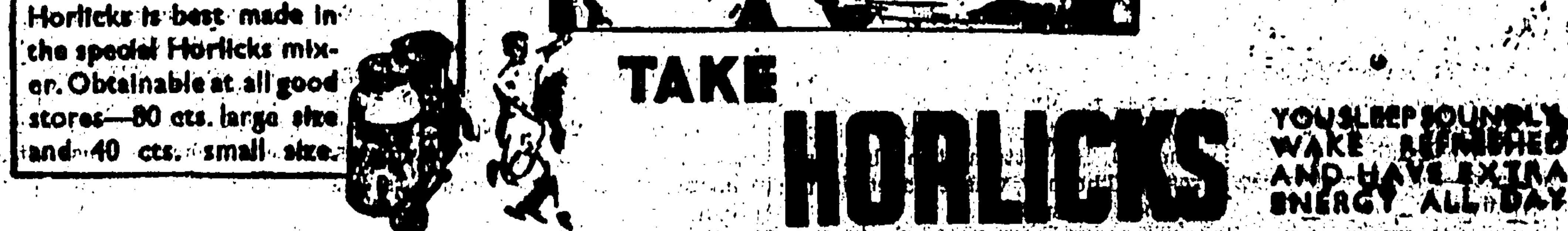


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## DR. NEGRIN GOING TO VALENCIA

Paris, To-day.

The Spanish Government Premier Negrin, arrived yesterday morning at 5 o'clock at the French frontier near Las Illas.

His car was followed by those of other ministers.

The following Government Spanish ministers are, according to the latest reports in Perpignan: State-Minister Hospitalet Bilbao, Segundo Blanca, Minister for Public Instructions, a Ramon Gonzales Pena, Minister of Justice, and Paolino Gomez, Minister of the Interior.

The caravan of Republican Spanish Ministers was composed of eight powerful cars of American make and large quantities of baggage piled up on the roofs.

The last to reach the frontier post at Le Perthus at 7 o'clock were Bernardo del los Rios, Minister without Portfolio, and Antonio Velaz Quate, Minister for Public Works.

### MILITARY ESCORT

The ministers were escorted to the frontier by strong military detachments which were immediately disarmed by French border guards.

Complete uncertainty prevails as to how the Republican Spanish Government will carry out its functions in future. While it is believed on one side that Premier Negrin will wait for the result of armistice negotiations with General Franco, it is stated on the other hand that the ministers intend to proceed immediately to Valencia. —Trans-Ocean.

## NEW DEFENCE MINISTER

London, To-day.

Lord Chatfield, the new Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, who returned from India on Saturday, visited his department yesterday morning and last evening saw the Prime Minister. — British Wireless.

## SPEEDING AFTER A LITTLE DRINK

Before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, Chan Yau-hing, aged 30, licenced driver, was charged with driving without due care and caution at Stubbs Road yesterday.

The Traffic Sergeant who prosecuted, said that at about 11.40 a.m. yesterday, he followed defendant along Stubbs Road. Defendant was speeding from 30 to 32 miles an hour, and was swinging from one side to the other. He stopped defendant near the Peak garage and questioned him, and defendant told him he had had a little to drink.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

## WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone over China has increased considerably in intensity; pressure remains highest to the north of the lower Yangtze Valley. The depression has deepened considerably and is nearly stationary over E. Hokkaido.

Local forecast:—N. E. and E. winds, fresh; fine.

## REUTER CORRESPONDENT DESCRIBES CONDITIONS IN CANTON TO-DAY

As in Nanking, Hankow and other large Chinese cities under Japanese occupation, Japanese shops of all descriptions are springing up in Canton.

Several Japanese hotels have also opened, complete with waitresses, while it is reported that the first cabaret will shortly make its appearance in the city.

## MILITIA CROSS INTO FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

The retreat of Spanish Republican militia into French territory at the frontier village of Le Perthus commenced yesterday morning conformably with the agreement reached between the French authorities and representatives of the Spanish Republican Government.

The militiamen are crossing the frontier in groups of 500 men each under the rigorous control of French troops, gendarmes and mobile guards. After being disarmed they are marched off to internment camps at Boulou and Argelès sur Mer.

Two hundred men belonging to a cavalry squadron were the first to cross the frontier closely followed by a detachment of artillery.

After a short time the main body of the defeated army began to enter French territory. The militiamen presented a pitiable spectacle as they marched off towards the camps escorted by French troops.

### 120,000 MEN

The total strength of that army is estimated at from 110,000 to 120,000 men of whom between 90,000 and 100,000 will have crossed the frontier at Le Perthus, Cerbere and Prats de Molo.

The remaining 20,000 are said to be still on Spanish soil in the neighbourhood of Puigcerda and a part of these are believed to have already sought refuge in Andorra while others continue to offer weak resistance in the region of Beller and Ripoll.

It is, however, anticipated that resistance will soon be abandoned and the remnant of Catalan militia will then cross the French frontier at Latour de Carol and Bourg Madame. —Trans-Ocean.

## BITTEN BY DOGS

Miss E. Remedios, of No. 7 Kwong Wah Road, was treated at the Kowloon Hospital, after she had been bitten on the right hand by a black chow dog in Nathan Road yesterday.

A dog owned by Mr. R. Remedios of No. 3 Hau Wong Road, was removed to Mataukok for observation, after biting a Portuguese boy named B. Barreto at the above address. The boy was treated in the Kowloon Hospital.

## PREMIER OPENS LEISURE TIME CONGRESS

London, To-day. A meeting of the international consultative committee of the world Leisure Time and Recreation Congress was opened here yesterday by Premier Chamberlain.

On the Consultative Committee are delegates of 22 countries including Germany which is represented by the leader of the German labour front, Doctor Ley, in his capacity as President of the Central Bureau of the International Movement.

Mr. Chamberlain, in an opening speech, observed that at no period in history had such a keen interest been taken in the question of organisation of leisure time.

### SPLENDID ISOLATION

Although the British were an insular nation which in former days had often boasted of its splendid isolation, it was right to say that the British had never attached more importance than they did to-day to the development of their international relations.

Interest in the question of organisation of recreation and leisure was increasing in Great Britain, who was desirous of learning from the experience of other countries in this matter. Hence no better time could have been chosen for the present meeting at which necessary preparations would be made in view of the next leisure time and recreation world congress in 1940.

Nations, said Mr. Chamberlain, devoted much too much time to the discussion of divergencies. It was therefore particularly satisfactory that the present meeting should discuss the problem concerning which general agreement prevailed. —Trans-Ocean.

## KIDNAPPING OF PUPPET OFFICIAL IN SHANGHAI

Chungking, To-day. Tang Wen-yuan, secretary of the bogus Shanghai municipal government, was kidnapped by two armed men yesterday morning, according to a Shanghai report.

Tang was waiting for a bus near the Garden Bridge in the International Settlement to go to his office when two men armed with pistols came up and forced him into a car. The men claimed to be former policemen of the bogus government who were dismissed. —Central News.

## THEFT FROM PRES. COOLIDGE

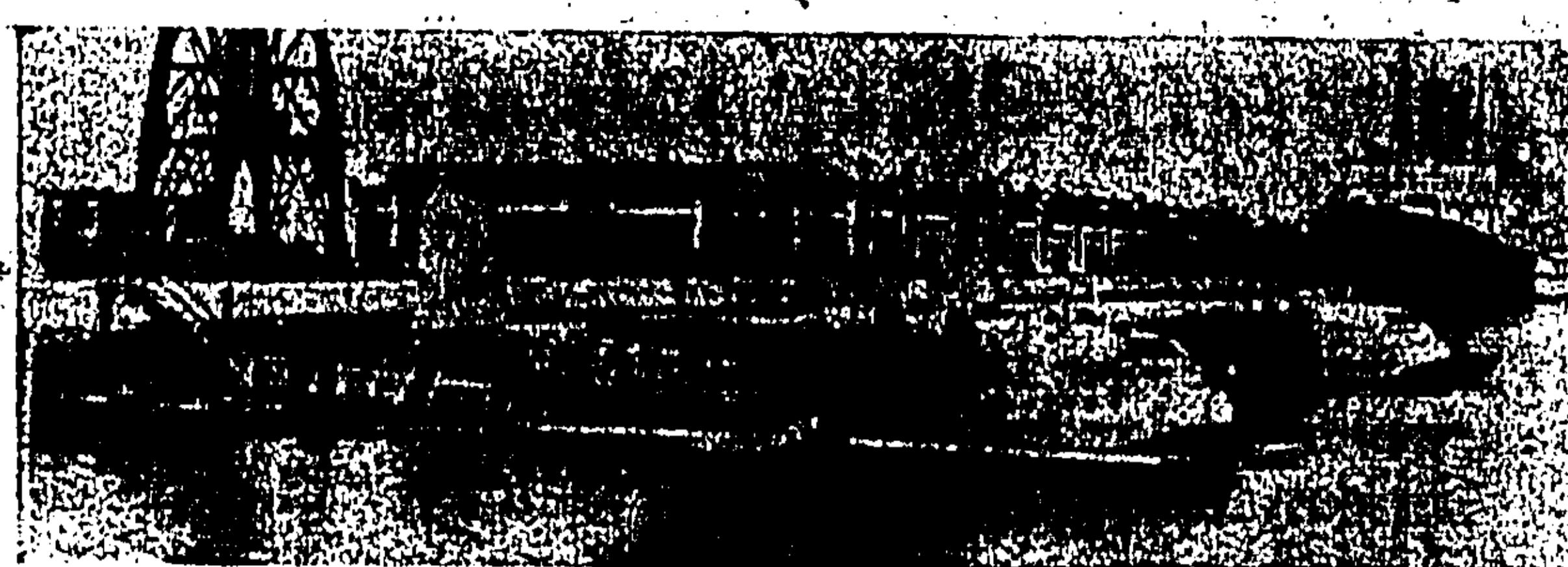
Wong Chuen, 26, dock-coolie, was this morning charged at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. E. Hinsworth with larceny on board a ship; receiving stolen property, and with unlawfully boarding a vessel.

It was alleged that defendant, on February 4, stole a black leather wallet containing personal papers belonging to Mr. T. P. Paine, Chief Electrical Engineer of the s.s. President Coolidge.

Accused was sentenced to six months on the first charge and two months on the third charge. The second charge was withdrawn.

The sentences are to run concurrently.

# News Snack Bay



Imperial Airways' super-flyingboats, the Empire type, in their "docks" at Southampton, which is now the main airport for the Empire air mail services.

## 21-GETS \$600,000

Less than six months ago she was a £3 10s. a week telephone operator. She learned at Pontiac, Michigan, U.S.A., yesterday, she will one day receive £1,600,000 from her late husband's estate.

Lucky girl is Mrs. Annie Lorraine Dodge, twenty-one, widow of the car king's son, who died eleven days after their wedding.

In will, Dodge left his wife only £50,000, but she contested it, and will get £600,000 right away.

### REFORM WAS ONCE 'SLOPPY' SENTIMENT

Mr. Cecil Whiteley, Common Serjeant at the Old Bailey, recently referred to the success of putting offenders on probation.

"I can well remember thirty-five to forty years ago," he said, "how the pioneers of this method were sneered at, ridiculed and characterised as sloppy sentimentalists. It is only within recent years that Judges have adopted probation to any extent."

In January last year there were 155 persons on probation from the four Old Bailey Courts. Last year 161 were put on probation, making a total of 316. During the year forty-eight completed their probation satisfactorily. Only nineteen failed.

Only six of the ninety had been recharged... and they were persons who had been sent to prison in their early years.

### CAR MASCOT BRINGS SUMMONS

A car mascot of a swallow in flight was the subject of a prosecution at Halesowen, near Birmingham. The driver was summoned for carrying a mascot likely to strike a person with whom the vehicle might come into collision. It measured five inches from beak to tail, and was carefully examined by the magistrates, who dismissed the summons under the Probation of Offenders Act.

### CHOSEN AS U.S. AIR ACE

Howard Hughes, the American airman, who flew round the world last July in the record-breaking time of just over ninety-one hours, has been chosen as the outstanding aeronaut of 1938 by the American National Aeronautics Association. Mr. Hughes and Squadron-Leader R. Kellett, who commanded the three R.A.F. bombers on their record long-distance flight from Egypt to Australia, dead-heated for the gold medal awarded every year by the International Aeronautic Federation.

### MALAY SULTAN FREES BRITON

Mr. W. B. R. Rudgard, thirty-one, rubber planter from Witton-le-Wear, Bishop Auckland (Durham), has been released after serving three months of a six months' sentence for killing a Malay cyclist, knocked down by his car near Kuala Lumpur, Malay States. Order for his release was signed by the Sultan of Selangor.

Selangor, population 350,000, like Johore, is under British protection, but the local rulers have greater powers than most Indian princes.

### TAXING THE BACHELORS

President Vargas of Brazil is planning to tax all bachelors between the ages of twenty-five to one found guilty of abandoning his family.

Even that won't make some men take on the supporting of some other man's daughter.

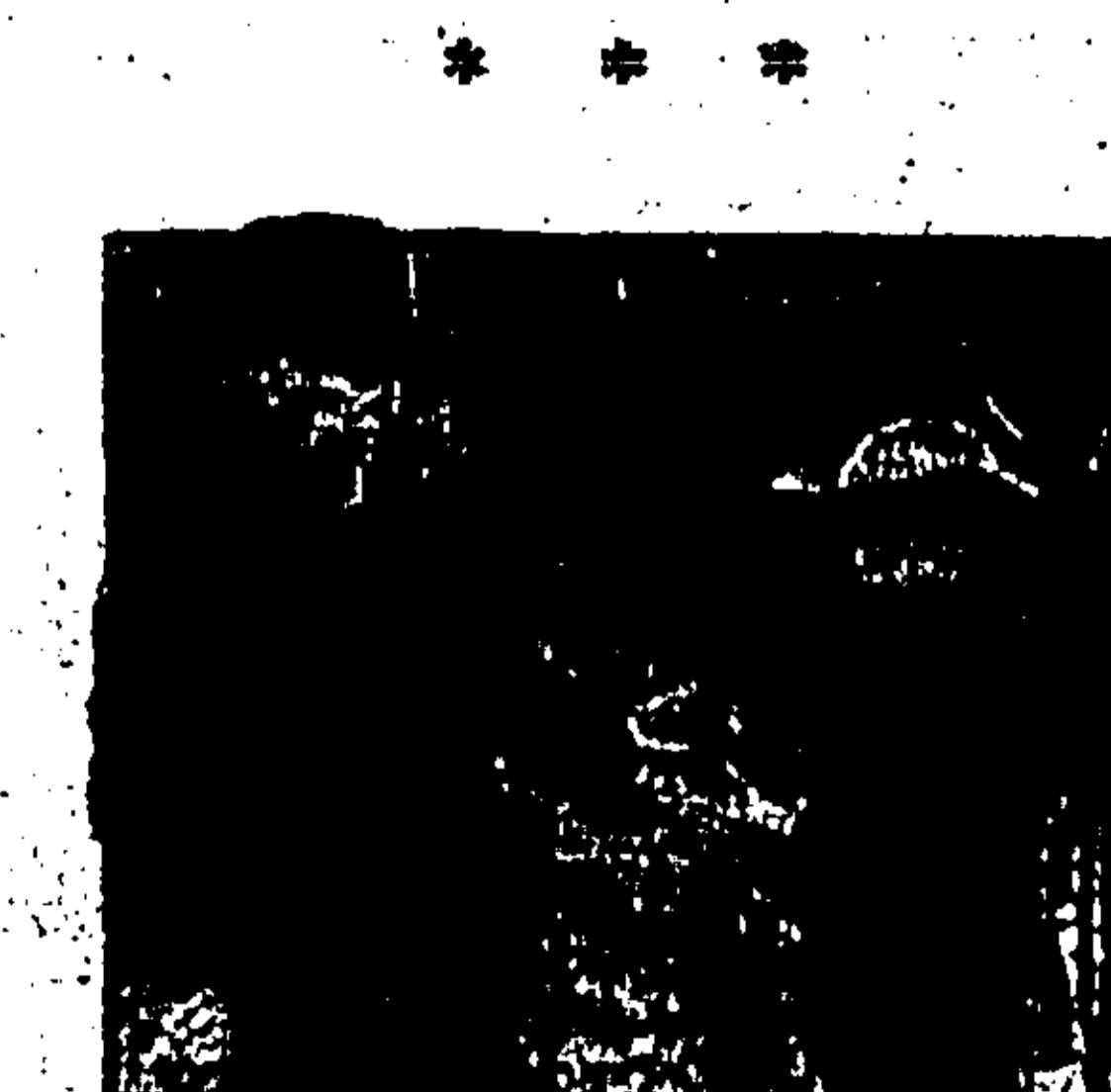
### JUST WHAT THEY WANT BUT CAN NEVER GET

Beer makes a stronger appeal to the north-east coast iron and steel worker than, probably, to any other class of worker.

The trouble is that owing to licensing restrictions these men often cannot get it when they most need it.

In Middlesbrough, Britain's largest iron producing centre, the public houses close at ten o'clock, just the second shift at the foundries finishes, and blast-furnacemen have cried in vain for an extension of hours.

Now Consett ironworkers have taken up the campaign and the Iron and Steel Confederation and North-West Durham Licensed Victuallers' Association are to make a new appeal at Breyster Sessions in February for longer hours.



Mr. Robert Body, who has died, aged seventy-five, gave many a man a valued friend... his walking-stick. For more than fifty years, he'd grown walking-sticks, thousands of them, on Walking Stick Farm, Snodland, near Rochester (Kent), and on another farm at Meopham. You see him, with his grandson, fixing up some one's future hiking companion.

## JAMBOREE FOR CAGED BIRDS

Five thousand birds from all parts of the world (valued at more than £100,000) took part in the seventy-first Crystal Palace Show of Cage Birds.

Most valuable bird was a macaw worth £1,100. The smallest was a pair of pygmy humming birds, perfect in form yet no larger than bumble bees and weighing just about as much.

Most popular entries were budgerigars and ornamental pheasants and the most unusual red and bronze canaries from France and orange canaries from Holland, all rare specimens.

Providing food for these feathered beauties was, as usual, a problem. But a ton of seeds, many kinds of fruit, worms, dried and powdered meat, ants eggs and dried flies were on the menu.

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### PENNIES THAT WEIGHED 7 LB.

Cooper coins which weigh seven pounds each — people used wheelbarrows to go shopping those days — will be sold in London now. In a collection of Swedish coins, they are the unwieldy copper plate tokens of Charles XII (1715), measuring nine and three quarter inches. They were regular currency at one time.

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### POSTMISTRESS AT NINETEEN

At nineteen a colleen is the vital link between the 375 people on her storm-swept island home and the mainland. She's Maura McDonagh, Eire's youngest postmistress. Her post office — smallest in the country — is in a cottage on the Aran Isle of Innismana. Maura's responsible for all the messages sent over the new telephone cable between Innismana and mainland, which she's never visited. Her mother, the previous postmistress, taught her the Morse code.

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### FORMATION FLIGHT FROM AUSTRALIA

Formation flight from Sydney to Birmingham (England) is to be made this summer by three planes belonging to the Royal Aero Club of New South Wales. Their arrival in Birmingham will be timed to coincide with the opening of the city's new airport by Mr. Chamberlain.

This will be the first civil aircraft to attempt so long a formation flight. Starting in mid-May they expected to take twenty days.

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### 469 DIVORCE PETITIONS

When the Hilary Law Sittings begin to-day, Mr. Justice Henri Collins will be in charge of a list of 469 divorce decrees presented to be made. Sholdts, including petitions by Lady M. A. Ley against Sir Hu. G. Ley, and Baroness Little against Baron Elsie.

## PRESENTED FROM COURT

Heard in London Police Courts: Woman at Willesden: I used to forgive my husband when we were first married, but I've come to the conclusion that a wife is more respected if she makes a scene now and then."

Motorist at Ealing: I never had much luck with that car. I don't think a month passed without me having to buy petrol.

Husband at Tottenham: We had an argument over money. My wife said that as she had not driven the car for a year she was entitled to my "no-claims bonus" on the insurance policy.

### BIG-BANG 'CANNED DOG'

The fearsome scarecrow, after centuries of loyal service, is to be placed on the retired list. Its place is being taken by a canned "watch-dog." This "creature" lives in an innocent little case like that of a portable gramophone.

The farmer loads it up with cartridges, adjusts a timing device and scuttles away. The "scarecrow" just goes on barking at regular intervals — according to the timing — until all its cartridges have been used up.

The bark is a big bang — and a bird that has heard it once decides to find pastures new.

### BOYS HATE MORAL LECTURES

"Public schoolboys, at least, like straight-forward sermons; hate moral lectures." So says the Rev. C. H. D. Cullingford, chaplain of Oundie, yesterday.

### SAVED TRAIN, GETS £11 8s.

Mrs. Ada Milton, who last October ran along the track at Broxbourne, Herts, to warn an express train that a tree had fallen across the line, has received £11 8s. from a fund subscribed to by season-ticket holders from Bishop's Stortford travelling on the train.

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### COLOURED TROOPS FOR S.

#### AFRICA?

A proposal to form coloured regiments as a part of the South African Defence Force is finding support among retired senior Army officers in Capetown.

### TWO HEADS NOT BETTER

A calf with two heads was born on the farm of Mr. G. V. Lewis, at Buntingford, Gwent. It died a few hours later.

"I suppose  
I'm  
fussy..."

...but I don't see  
why, at my age, I  
should put up with  
second-best... For  
instance, I'm fond of the theatre;  
but, believe me, I'd rather stay away  
than see an indifferent play.



...So that's why, when you  
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Mr. Wells, who was speaking from Melbourne on the national network, added: "We are offered far more than we dare desire. All that exists between us and the realisation of this abundant promise is our want of awareness, and our want of resolution to know and attempt."

"That knowledge is not made available for us. It is being practically kept from us. Let man only insist, and the fears and miseries of this present time will vanish like a dream. Knowledge is power, and knowledge is freedom. The only freedom is in knowledge that the first commandment for a modern human being is to learn, know, and educate."

"I was born in a rather unpropitious, servantless home. I was undernourished, and most of my waking time was spent in an underground kitchen," said Mr. Wells, in beginning his address.

"After the age of seven or eight years, my imagination was being used to amplify and expand what I saw and felt directly... I knew the world was round because everybody told me so. There were classes one respected and lower classes that one did not, and poor people had to work."

"What I saw of the world about 1880, when I was 14, was with a distorted and foggy vision, and yet I was seeing it as most people in Great Britain were seeing it at that time, and as multitudes of people are seeing it to-day, as it was shown to me."

### KNOWLEDGE NOT IMPARTED

"For a score of years before that time tremendous discoveries had been made about the past of the earth and the origins of man — immensely important discoveries that challenged every idea about life commonly accepted. Yet these fundamental discoveries had not been imparted to my parents, who were intelligent book-reading persons."

"My religious teachers did not teach me anything but the dry contents of their stale old histories without a hint of the broadening knowledge of the time. I still won-

der why they conspired to deceive me and why only books 10 or 20 years old came into my hands. No educational Minister was dreaming of giving the people contemporary knowledge, and for us to-day nobody is really bothering to give people abundant cheap new books."

"The English democracy is still grossly ignorant, but I think the books we got in 1880 were more out-of-date than those you get to-day. In 1880, I got my world pretty wrong judged by the higher standards of that time. The history they taught me wound up in 1700."

"Then a sixpenny book of the late Henry George came into my hands, and set the thinking about rents, wages, and such-like matters. Then some rumours about a science called geology reached me, and I observed in Woods's natural history that the species of animals had needless likenesses to one another if they had all been created separately."

"Suddenly I woke up to the existence of a vast and growing world, and to thought and knowledge outside my ordinary way of thinking. The world as I had seen it hitherto became a flimsy falsehood upon the face of reality. I have heard that other people had similar experiences."

"I suppose I had a thirst for knowledge in good measure, but far stronger was my anger at the paltry sham of education that had been offered me by the religious

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paradoxical and original indeed. "It seemed to us then that our world would probably freeze up in a few millions of years, but we thought humanity might see and do tremendous things. We knew the broad outline of the history of life, but the world as we saw it then knew nothing of the radio, and the ideas about atoms were naive in the extreme.

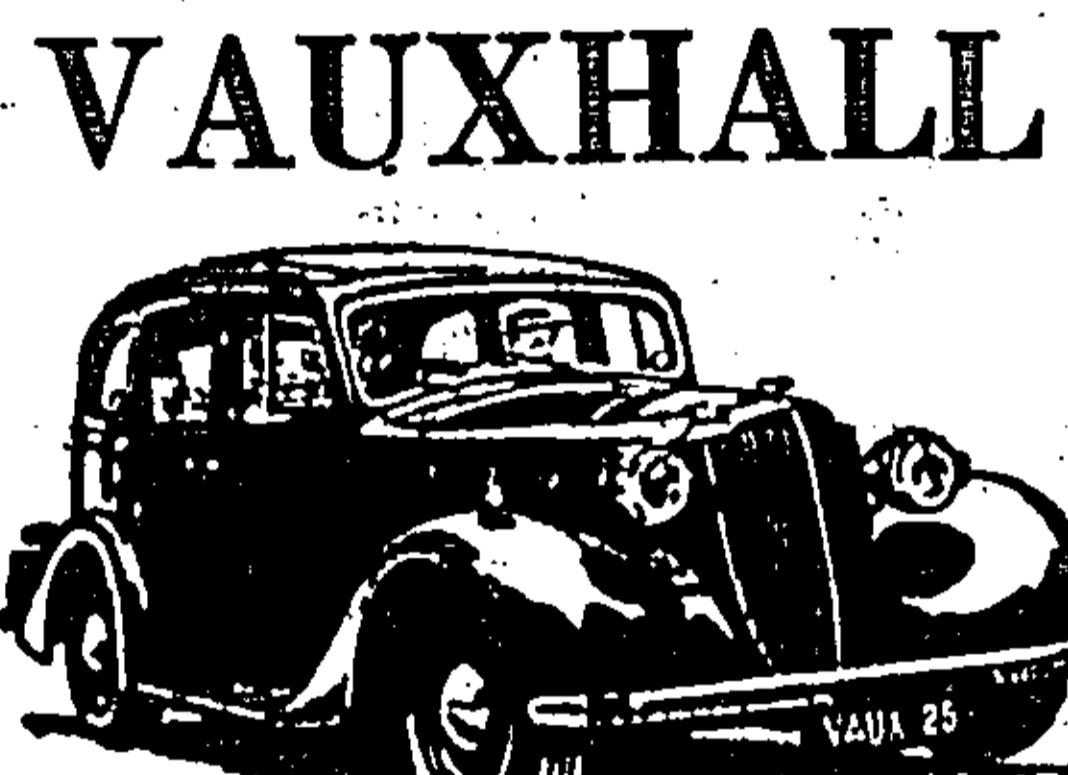
"We doubted if aviation were possible, or electrical traction. We associated submarines with the fantasies of Jules Verne, and thought his 'Round the World in 80 Days' was an extraordinary dream. Our interpretation of the mental processes are trivial and shallow beyond comparison with what we have now. As I compare the world as I saw it then (50 years ago) with the world of to-day, I realise how the picture has unfolded. And the world as I see it to-day is more marvellous, mysterious, and profound than we conceived it then.

## IMMENSE ENLIGHTENMENT

"Concerning affairs on this earth, and the more immediate concerns of life, our enlightenment has been immense. Thanks largely to Freud, there has been a tremendous advance in our self-knowledge; our motives and impulses, and our knowledge of mass thought and mass action is far more lucid. The powers and possibilities of human effort are enormously greater, and still they increase.

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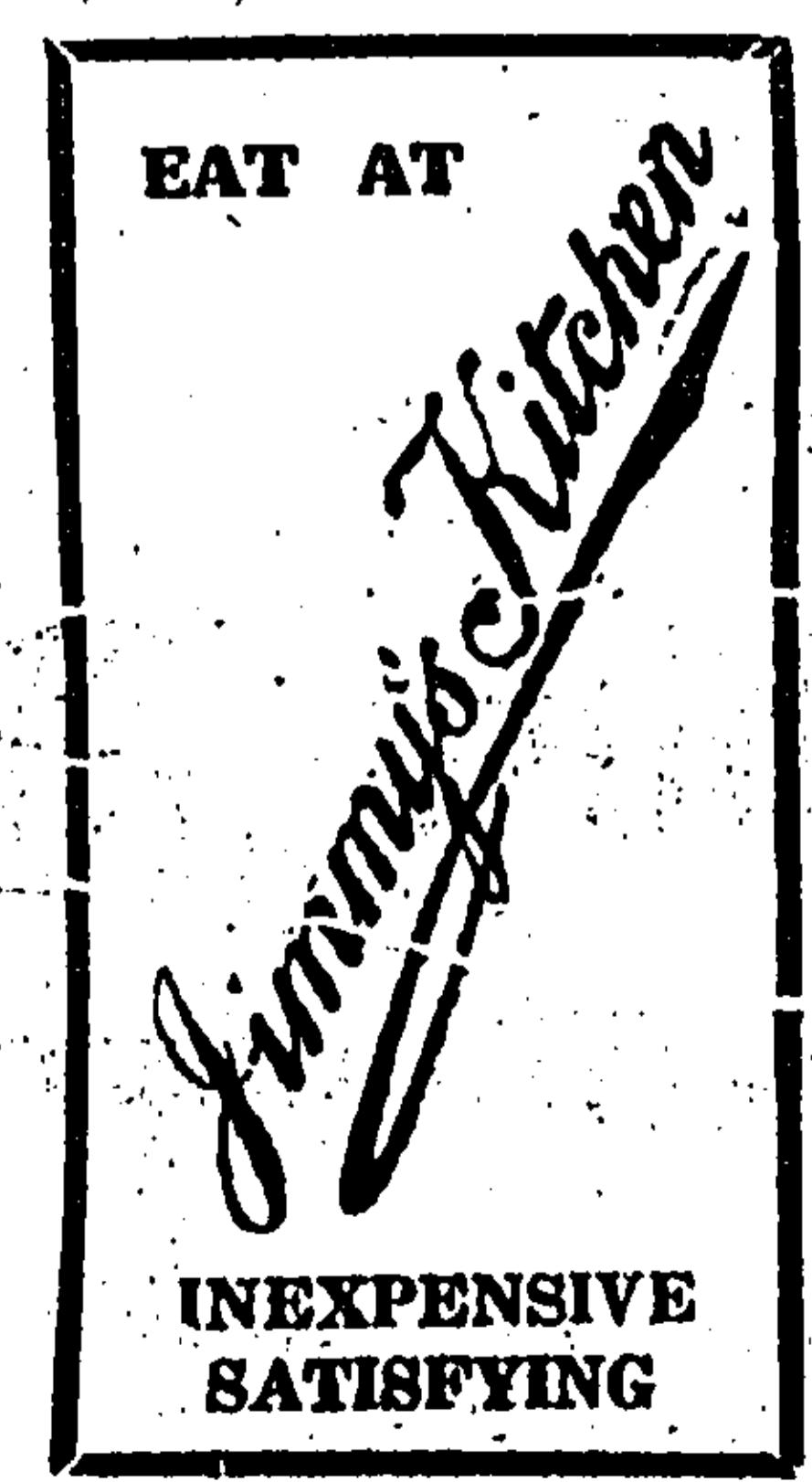
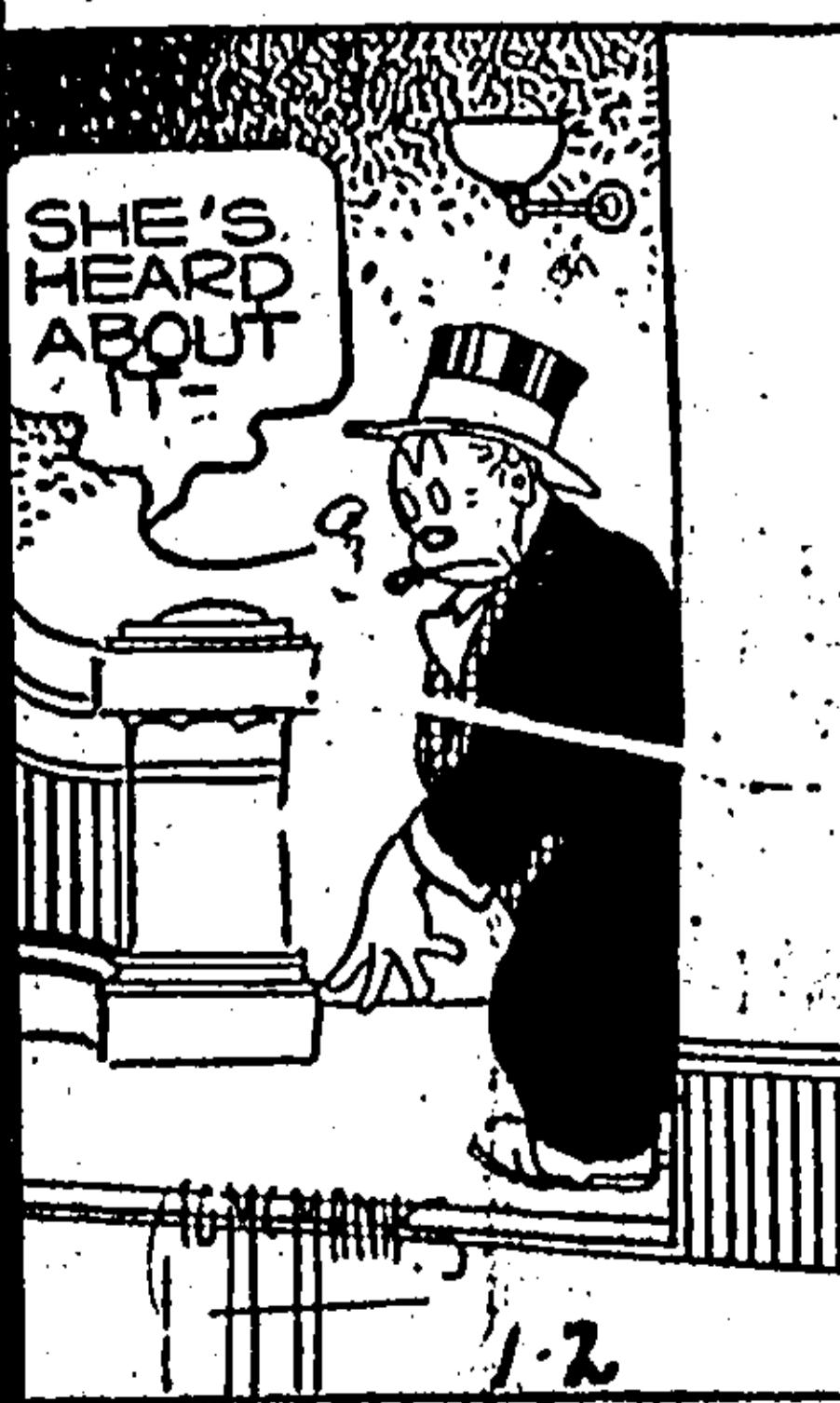


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er knowledge from a jungle of men-  
tal confusion and instinctive re-  
sistance, and beyond that jungle  
lie power and freedom.

"Of the wonders of the days to  
come I am only too acutely aware  
that as yet very few people realise  
the actual nature of our circum-  
stances to-day. Most of our world  
is still living in accordance with  
the ideas of the past, the ideas of  
the days of want, suspicion, greed,  
separation, and conflict from which  
we might now be emerging.

"Still, I find it difficult to learn  
all that is going on, and I realise  
that most of the youngsters, who  
are 50 years younger than I am,  
must be feeling almost more acutely  
than I did the anger of frustra-  
tion, the feeling of being kept out  
of things, of being kept back from  
things, and being wasted, from  
their own ignorance and the igno-  
rance of others. How far are their  
eyes being bandaged by inadequate  
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Are they permitted either to see the  
immense dangers or immense op-  
portunities that surround them?

"The world of mankind to-day is  
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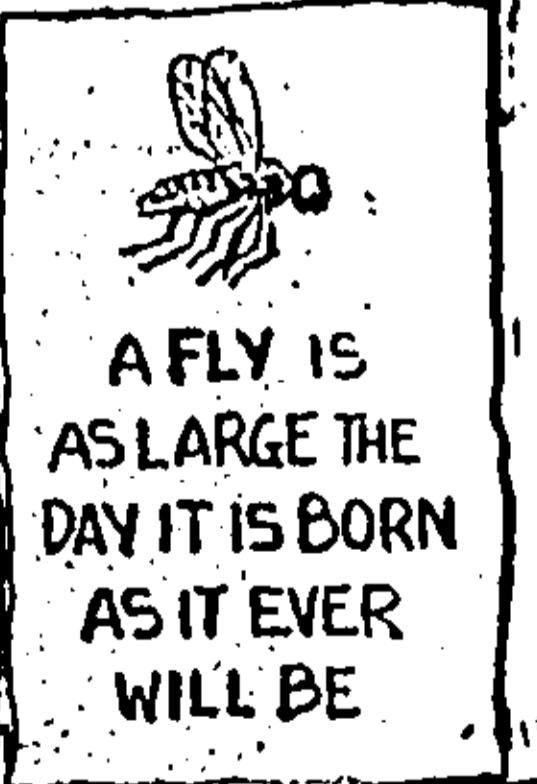
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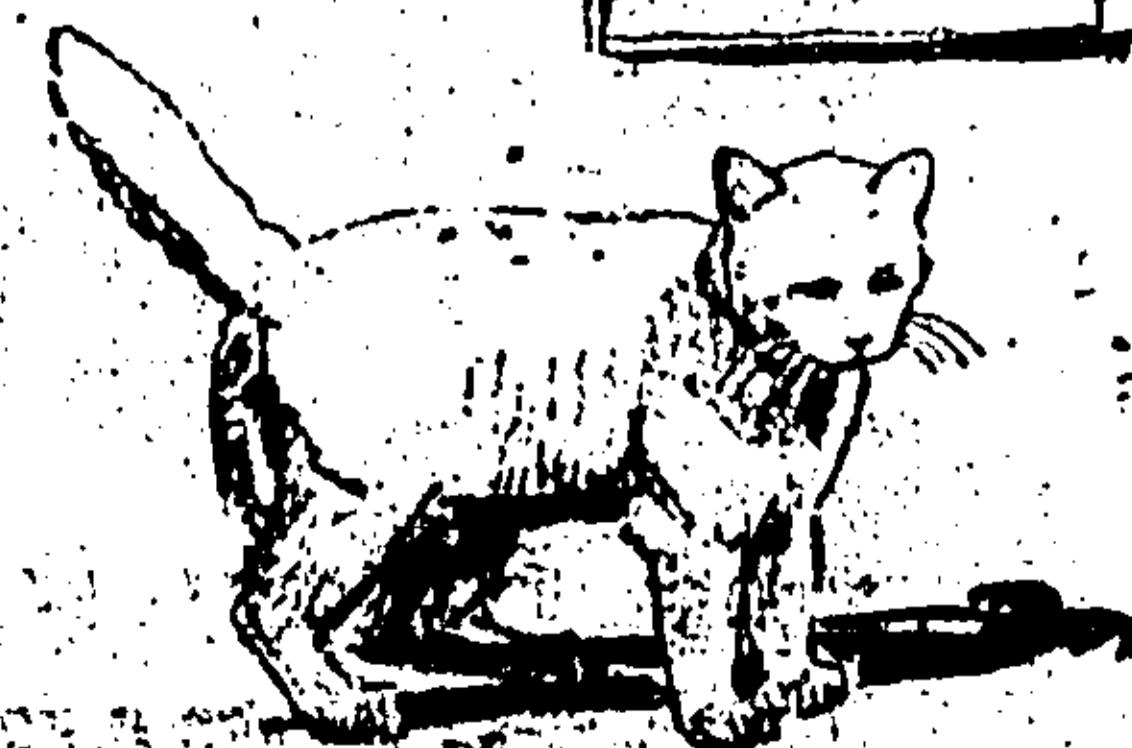
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## Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

### Practical Beauty-Giving Gifts

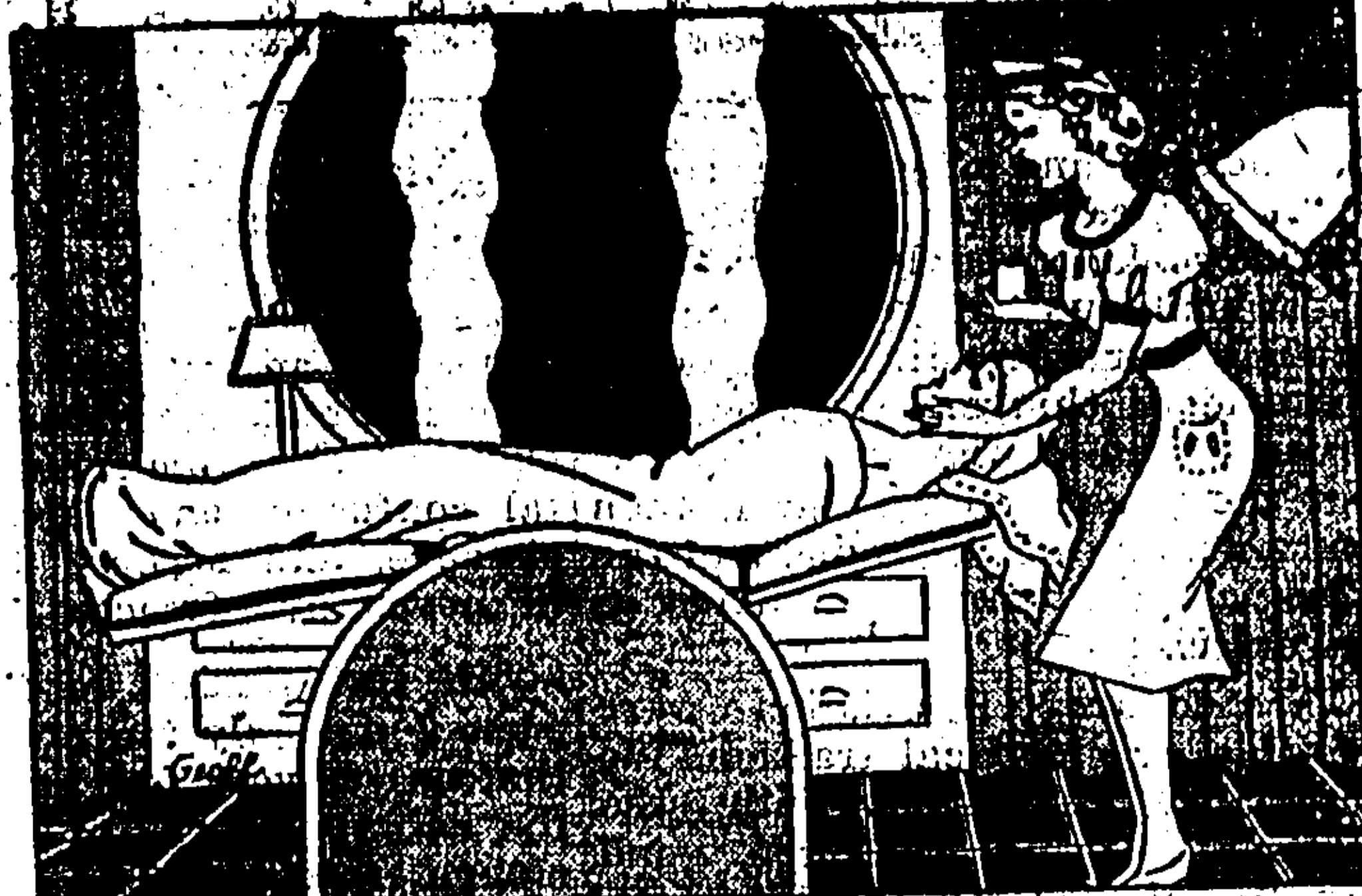
Legion are the busy mothers who simply choked her yearning for would get inexpressible delight beauty! from novel but practical beauty. Can you picture her joy if a giving remembrances at Christmas thoughtful friend or relative presented her with a ticket for those time.

We each know a woman who has facials? Or perhaps it is a good but such a beauty-giving and health-insurance opportunity would receive assemble a box of nicely scented always intended to treat herself to permanent wave she really desires, a series of facials, or body massages, or a few scientific scalp and hair at a good salon. But somehow the treatments! What joy from such a family budget never seemed to gift, and how thoughtful the giver! stretch enough to include them. One of the children had to go to the dentist, or friend husband suddenly needed a new overcoat. So the generous, unselfish mother and wife,

#### OTHER NOVEL THOUGHTS

Being practical does not detract from the value of a gift, and the majority of women appreciate something practical in preference to something which is pretty to look at but has little use.

For instance, the woman who is slightly overweight, or simply just harried in her domestic responsibilities, would reap not only great pleasure and relaxation, but actual benefit, from hours in a gymnasium class or in a corrective exercise class of a beauty salon. A season's ticket to a swimming pool is something few think of as a gift,



How many busy mothers appreciate the gift of some salon facials! What joy and satisfaction!

instead of money to purchase it—insuring opportunity would receive assemble a box of nicely scented grateful thanks from some friend soaps in the three popular sizes. Or who could not afford to buy it herself—buy a cake of excellent complexion soap and tie it gayly to a good com-

Money for a new well-fitting plexion brush.

girdle, a strong bristle hair brush, Beauty kits, especially fitted with a handy manicuring set or even an the recipient's favoured cosmetics, occasional hair tinting by an expert are most acceptable. Even a gentle— are all gifts which would delight eros quantity of any one of her busy mothers who have little money favourite beauty aids is a gift she will appreciate, until its very last

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# What The Stars Foretell

By  
Mary Blake

Average person's moral feelings. If a woman and February 7 is your birthday, you may frequently your conceptions or conclusions probably never will cause its parents thinking this day, and help to prevent them from straying from "the straight and narrow path." There is likely to exist a high sense of responsibility regarding personal obligations, and also evidence of the sincerity of an honest endeavour to discharge them. You are liable to experience a great surprise, that will bring a brightening influence into your life. The earnest endeavours of individuals who try to be of help to others, likely will be deeply appreciated, so it will be wise to lend a helping hand whenever you can. Avoid in putting things off until the last minute, if you wish to keep from finding yourself swamped with a number of things to do. Married and engaged couples, as well as those whose thoughts are almost completely absorbed in love, must be watchful that some form of selfishness on their part, does not turn out to be a disturbing factor in one of their social activities.

If a man and February 7 is your birthday, you may frequently your conceptions or conclusions probably never will cause its parents to put into practice the things you preach, so go slow in sermonizing or compromises in matters requiring a fine start in life, and with encouragement it ought to be able to carry out your ideas with a remarkable amount of efficiency. You will help give it a fine start in life, and with encouragement it ought to be able to overcome every obstacle that might appear in its path.

If a man and February 7 is your birthday, you ought to have a fine sense of humour.

## Kitty



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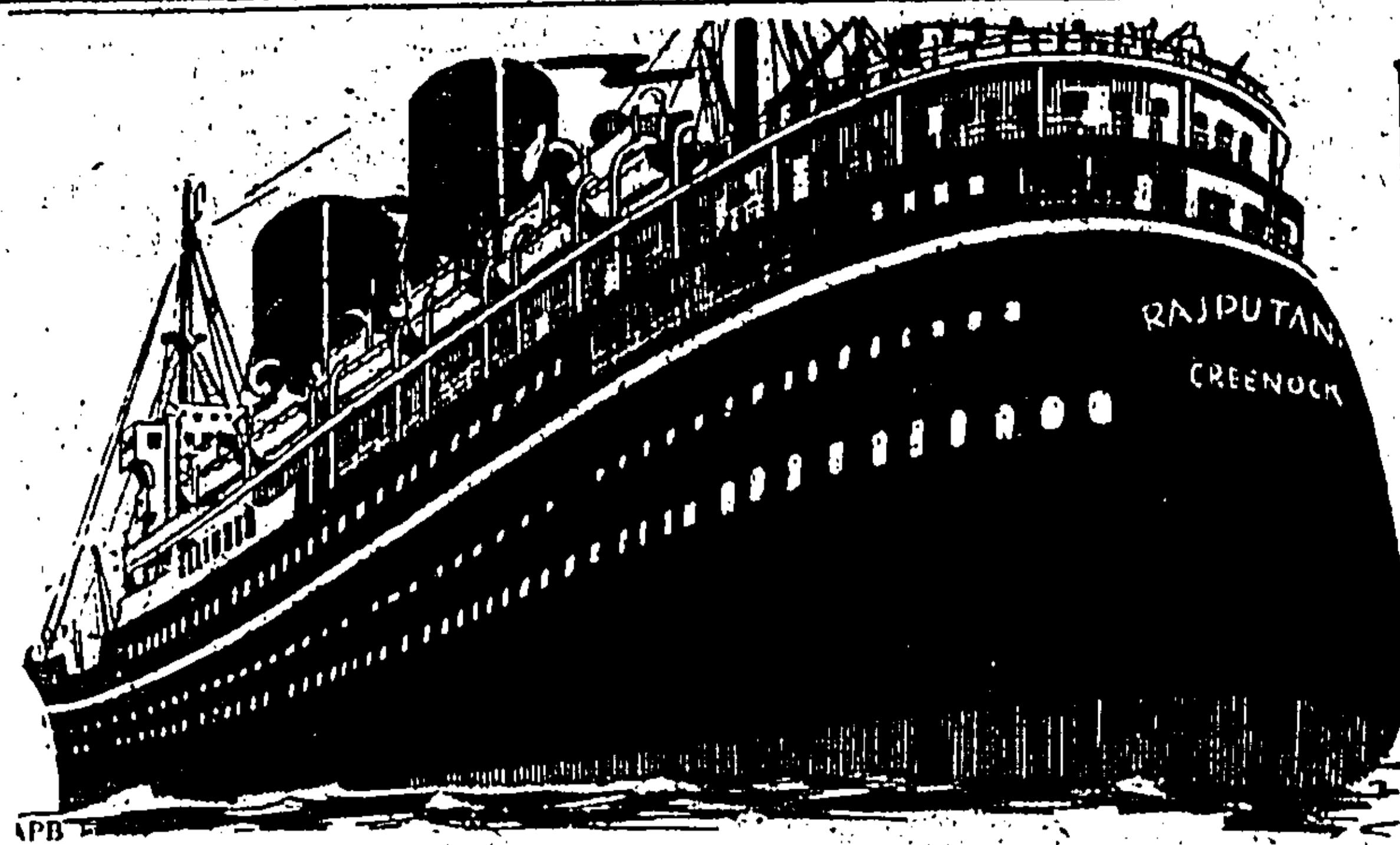
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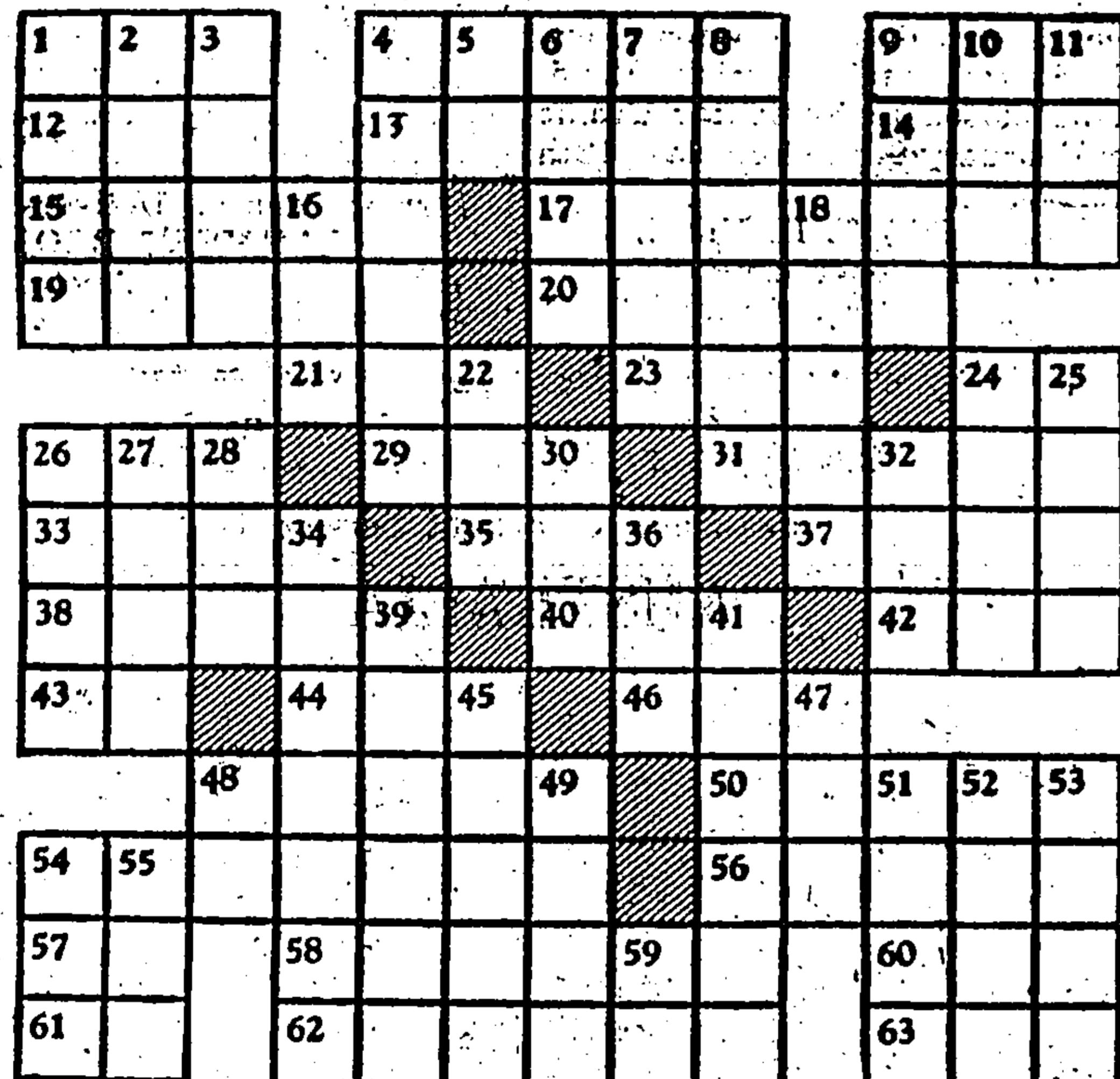
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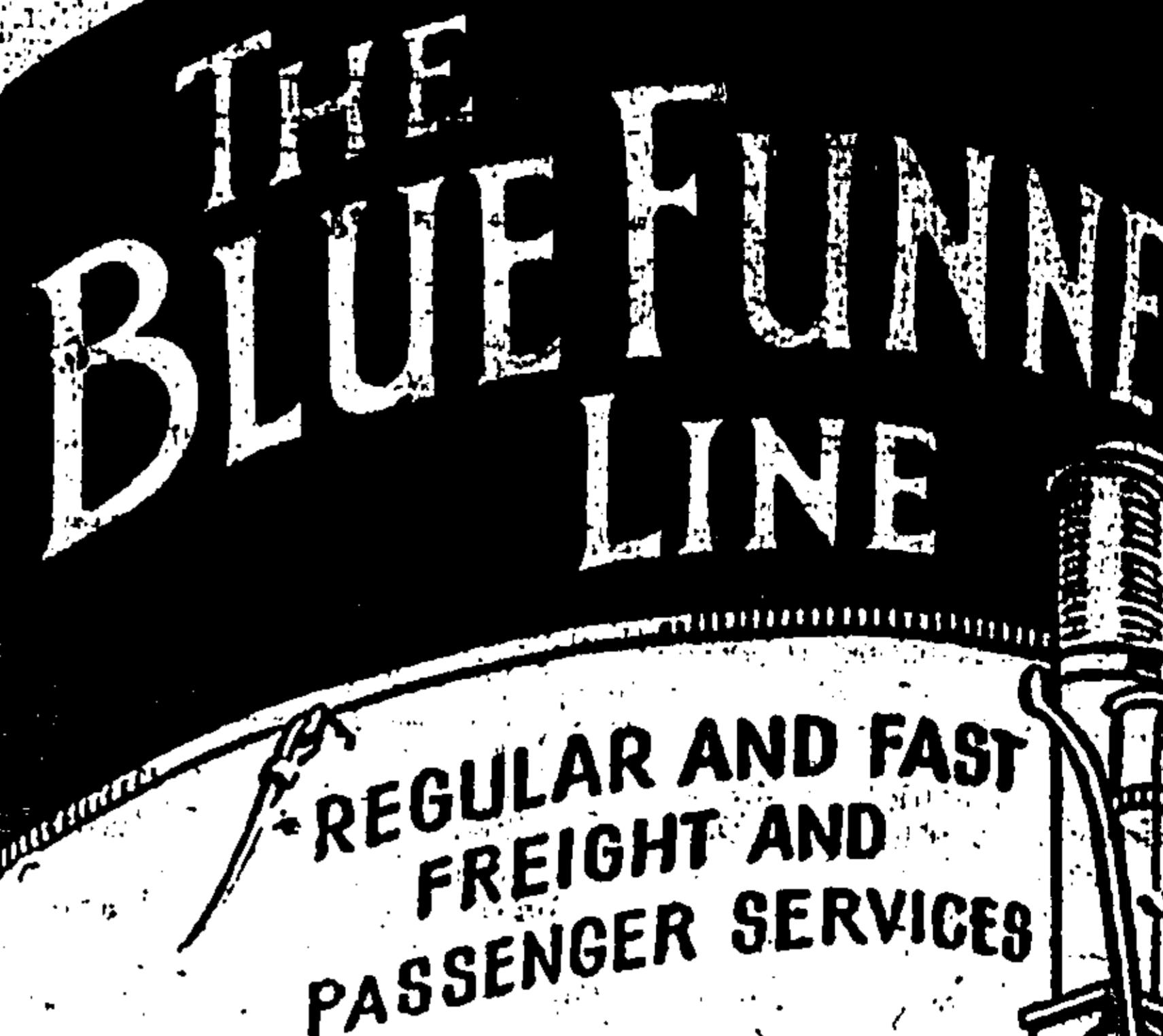
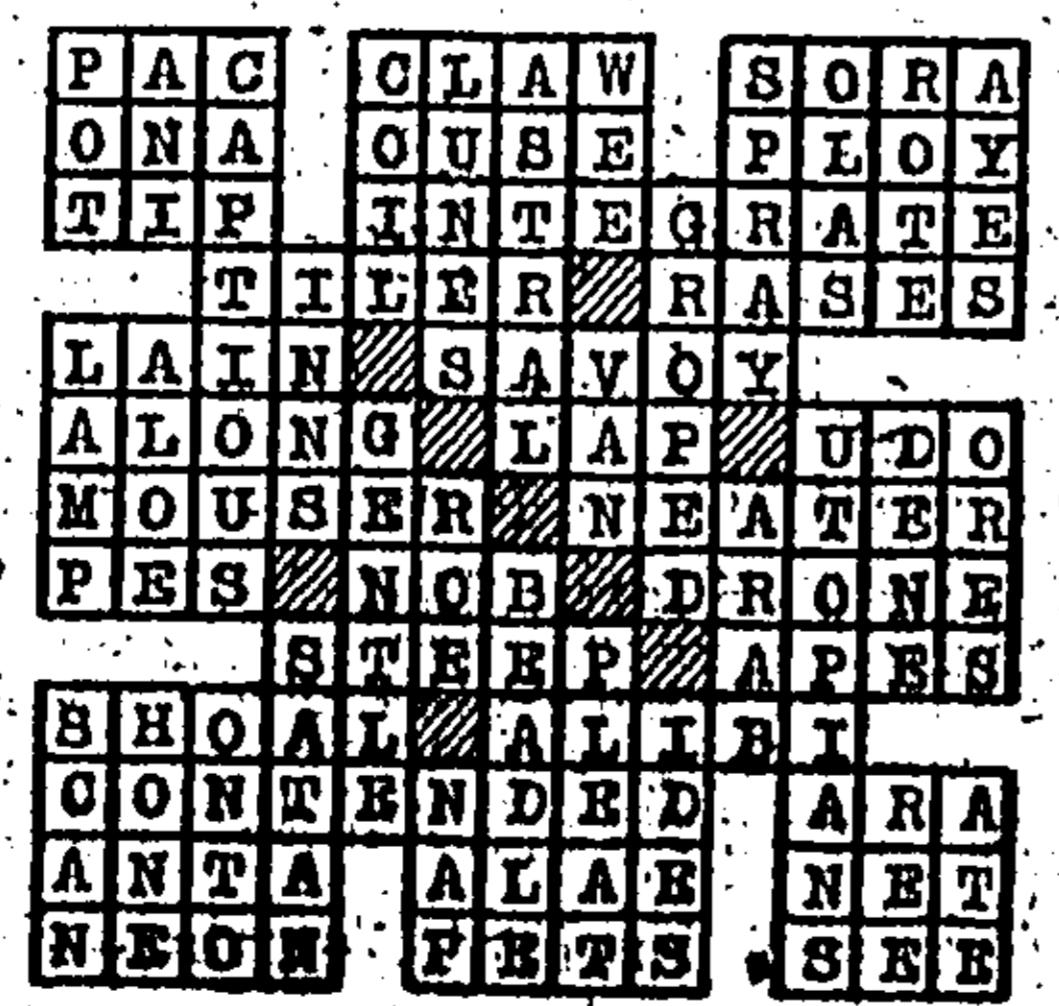
**HORIZONTAL**

- Poke
- Lessened
- Roman bronze
- Eggs
- Solitary
- American writer
- Beverages
- Wise
- To move stealthily
- To erect
- Radical
- Rather than
- To depart
- School of whales
- Upper part
- Retinue
- Sea of Turkestan
- Scotch cap
- Money box
- Monsters
- Sailor
- Beam
- Behold
- Jewel
- To gamble
- Latin father
- Kind of cloak (pl.)

**VERTICAL**

- Fragile
- Refugee
- Exclamation
- Runs away
- Linden
- To leave
- Feels
- 63 Youth
- Chinese idol
- English river
- Commanded
- Container
- Mulberry
- To hurl
- Growing out
- To leave
- Imitated
- Age
- Series
- Swiss river
- Unmoving
- Period
- Arizona river
- Except
- British calaboose
- Jason's ship
- To damage
- To stroke
- Manner
- Envoy
- Queen of Fairies
- To colonize
- Nook
- Gourd-like fruit
- Impost
- Greek letter
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- Charles Lamb
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Inspector Russel is in charge of the case.



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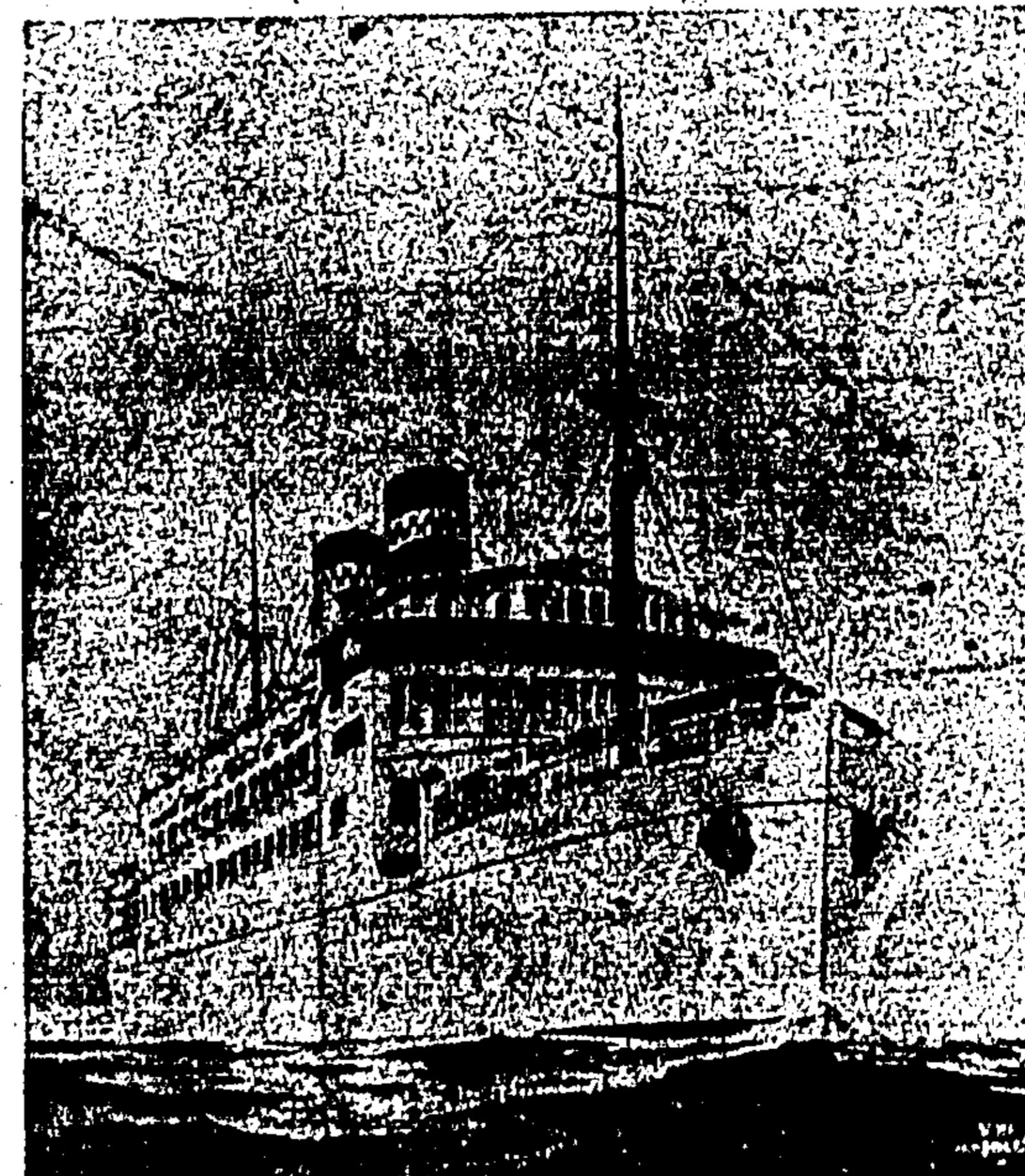
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MR. EDWARD JOHNSON, CANADIAN MANAGER OF THE METROPOLITAN OPERA, AND MR. RICHARD CROOKS, THE FAMOUS AMERICAN TENOR, RECEIVED THE SURPRISE OF THEIR LIVES WHEN GEORGE MALAIKO, A TORONTO NEWSPAPER VENDOR, TO WHOM THEY HAD SENT A RAILWAY TICKET AND PASS FOR A PERFORMANCE OF "DON GIOVANNI" ARRIVED IN NEW YORK.

They had heard touching tales of Malaiko's passion for Grand Opera. They had heard of his offer to supply a newspaper a day for life to anyone who would lend him enough money to go to New York to hear Mr. Crooks sing. They had heard that he often went hungry so that he could buy opera tickets.

And they had decided that such enthusiasm should be rewarded.

Reporters who greeted Malaiko at the Grand Central railway station therefore, were astonished to find him wearing a well-cut overcoat, white gloves, and bowler hat, and smoking a large cigar.

#### EVENING DRESS, OPERA HAT

A porter carried his suitcase, which contained evening clothes and opera hat, and Malaiko, a man of 54, jauntily swung his stick as he explained that this was the 18th time that he had come to New York to spend an evening at the Metropolitan.

"I could not afford it this year," he stated blandly, "because I have had bad luck with the stock market."

Malaiko, it was learned, sells newspapers outside Toronto Stock Exchange. His customers give him market tips which yield such excellent results that he was able to attend the Salzburg Festival in 1928 and again in 1934.

But the past year had been a poor one, and even New York seemed beyond his means until Mr. John-

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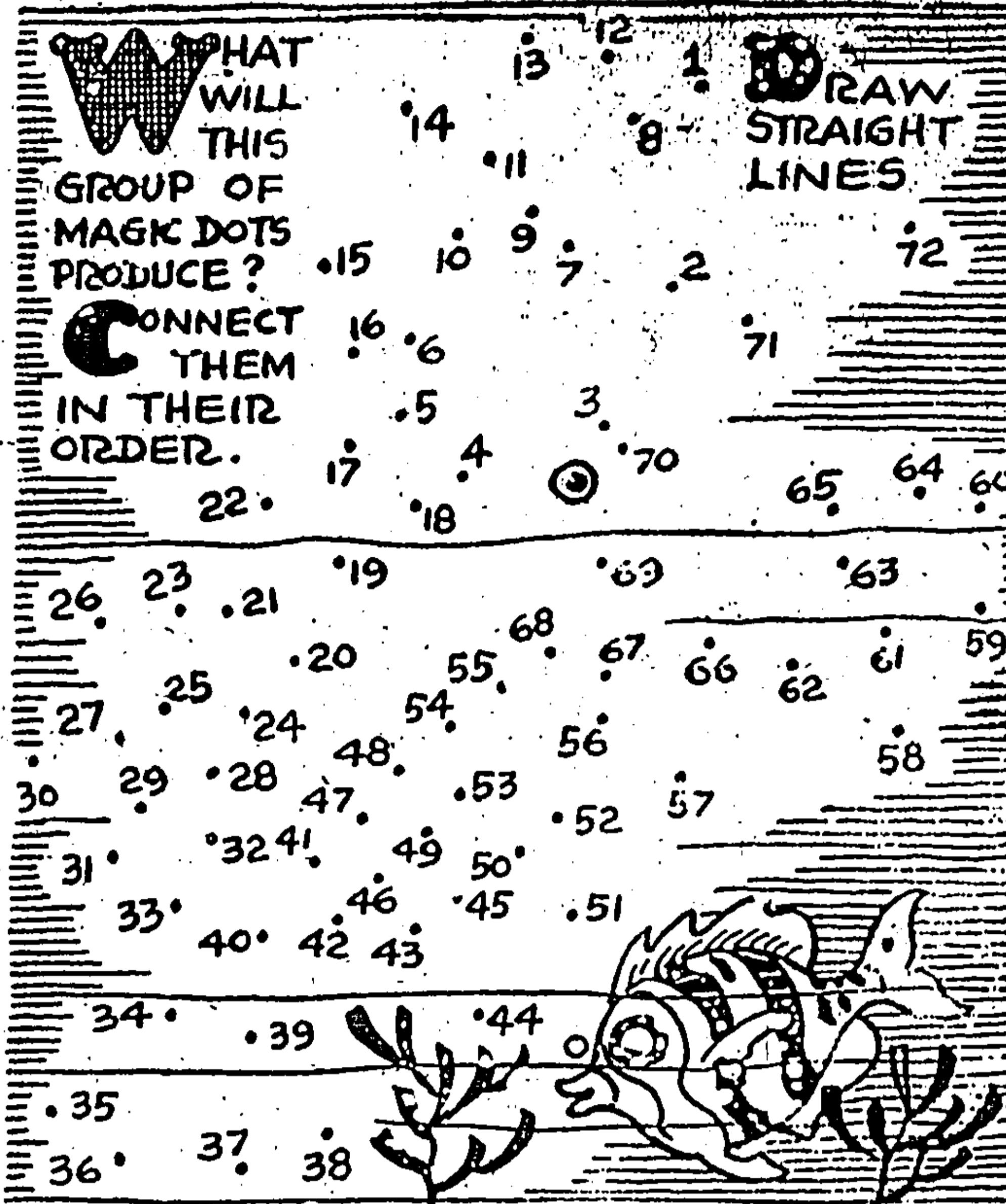
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## CHILDREN'S PUZZLE



Answer to yesterday's puzzle: The picture wire is disconnected; flags blowing in different directions; boat shadows should fall in same directions; one blade of the scissors is too short; boy's ear is reversed; chair rung disconnected and the desk-top slot should extend to the desk surface.

son and Mr. Crooks came to the rescue.

Malaiko is a cripple, his right leg having been frostbitten while he was prospecting in Northern Ontario many years ago.

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## BRITISH AIRMAN ON WAY TO NEW RECORD

CAPETOWN, TO-DAY. ALEX HENSHAW, LAST YEAR'S WINNER OF THE KING'S CUP RACE, WHO IS ON AN ATTEMPT TO FLY FROM ENGLAND TO CAPETOWN AND BACK WITHIN FOUR DAYS, ARRIVED HERE YESTERDAY IN RECORD TIME.

Henshaw brought his plane down on the airport here 39 hours 30 minutes after leaving Gravesend, which is 5 hours 30 minutes below the record.

Henshaw left Gravesend at 8.35 on Sunday morning, and the first stage of his long flight has broken the outward record previously held by Flying-Officer Clouston and Mrs. Kirby Green, who accomplished the flight in 45 hours.

Henshaw starts on the homeward stage this morning.—Reuter.

## H.K. MINES

Nielson & Co., Inc., managers for the Hong Kong Mines, Ltd., report 5,106.5 short dry tons of ore treated for the month of January; from which 614.49 dry short tons of lead concentrates were produced, averaging 65.97 Lead and 15.80 oz. Silver per ton.

which follows it.

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# Navy Should Win To-day

## Malaya Will Be Without Harper

### Hardwicke, Mackenzie & Bourne To Play

#### Skelton, Askwith and Talbot Will Be Main Danger

#### Malayan Pack Must Heel Ball

(By "REFEREE")

Facing probably the strongest opposition of their tour this afternoon on the Club ground at 4.30 p.m., the Malayan Rugby Union fifteen are unfortunate in being unable to field their very best side against Royal Navy, who, with one exception, will probably be fielding their strongest fifteen of this season.

Malaya have made several changes owing to injury and both Dougal Harper, their skipper and full-back and G. D. Lundon, their outstanding wing-threequarter, will be conspicuous by their absence. Harper injured his knee last Saturday against the Club and is a doubtful starter for next Saturday, while Lundon's torn leg muscle will most probably keep him out of the remaining matches, which is hard luck indeed.

J. L. B. Hardwicke, one of the outstanding halves in Malaya, will be seen at full-back to-day.

A strong kicker and fairly sound tackle, he should be useful. It is in the threequarter line where Malaya will probably feel the pinch, for Procter has been taken out of the pack to fill Lundon's vacancy on the left-wing. Although by no means slow, he is not quite as fast as Lundon, although a great opportunist, as witness his two splendid efforts last Saturday against Club.

#### New Centre

Lt. J. E. P. Pierce makes his first appearance at right-centre three-quarter and his performance will be watched with interest as he is reputed to be fairly fast.

Malaya have made two changes in their pack, MacLennan being the hooker for to-day, while Mackenzie, another outstanding wing-forward, will be seen as centre-of-the-back-row. Mackenzie is a good place-kicker. P. W. Bourne has been brought in as a wing-forward and Hardwicke, last Saturday's hooker, is being rested. Procter has of course been relegated to the back division.

#### Pack Must Improve

As I stated in last Saturday's editions of the "China Mail," much will depend upon the visiting forwards. Last Saturday they were sluggish in their heeling and also poor in the loose, while despite the height of several of their forwards few jumped for the ball in the lineouts.

Navy's fifteen is a very strong one with a newcomer in Pay. Lt. Spittle filling one of the wing-threequarter-

#### This Afternoon's Teams

Teams for this afternoon's match are as follows:

MALAYAN R. U.  
J. L. B. HARDWICKE  
\* \* \*  
A. P. CRAIGIE  
LT. J. E. P. PIERCE  
L/CPL. RICHARDSON  
LT. J. H. PROCTER  
\* \* \*  
J. W. EWART  
CAPT. F. W. SIMPSON  
\* \* \*  
D. MCBRIDE  
H. I. MACLENNAN  
R. W. MCCALL  
—  
P/O. MCCALL  
J. F. M. ROUALLE  
—  
J. M. McHUGH  
I. F. MACKENZIE  
P. W. BOURNE

ters positions. Stevens' return to the Colony has strengthened their defence, while Skelton's return to the centre of the back division should considerably enhance their scoring opportunities.

#### Talbot Biggest Danger

Elliot, the captain, was in very poor form last Saturday in the Adventure Cup final and, although he has given us one or two dazzling, but rare performances, Malaya have little need to fear him this afternoon. Elliot's biggest asset is his kicking. Talbot is always dangerous and Malaya's halves and backs will have to watch this very elusive player closely.

Navy's pack is much stronger due to the return of Romans and Thatcher, their outstanding front-row

#### FATHER TRAVELS 1,500 MILES TO SEE SON PLAY RUGBY

Mr. Bourne, father of P. W. Bourne, who is playing for the M.R.U. fifteen this afternoon, against Royal Navy on the Club ground, has travelled all the way from Peiping to see his son play against the Colony, a distance of over 1,500 miles. He was seen on the Club ground yesterday afternoon watching the Malayan fifteen at practice.



#### Colony's Interport Soccer XI Selected

Very Strong Forward Combination

#### F. FOWLER SECURES FIRST "CAP"

(By "REFEREE")

A very strong team has been selected to represent the Colony in the Interport Football match with Manila on Sunday, February 19, on the Navy ground, Lee Wai-tong, the Colony's finest forward, leading the attack, while F. Fowler, Club's best forward, will be making his first Interport appearance on the right-wing.

Sheehan's selection as left-back in partnership with Lee Tin-sang comes as no surprise in view of his fine performances recently, and in particular his Lai Wah Cup display against the Civilians, when he outshone Watson, who was one of the finest backs in the Colony prior to his departure for England.

The Colony's attack is a very strong one and reads:

F. Fowler, Fung King-cheong, Lee Wai-tong, A. V. Gosano and Hau Ching-to.

All five of these players are deadly marksmen.

Congratulations are due to A. V. Gosano on securing his 11th Interport "cap."

The Rest of the Colony team is also a fairly strong one. The two teams are as follows:

#### INTERPORT XI

The following is the Interport football team:

Tam Kwan-kon (South China "B")  
Lee Ting-sang (South China "A")  
Sheehan (Middlesex),

Heneywill (Navy)  
Dixon (Navy)  
Leung Wing-chiu (South China "A")

F. Fowler (Club)  
Fung King-cheong (South China "A")

Lee Wai-tong (South South "A")  
(Captain)

A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's)  
Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves:—  
Ulrich (Kowloon)  
N. Beltrao (St. Joseph's)

J. Gomes (St. Joseph's)  
Riertsen (Kowloon)

Manager:—Mr. J. McKelvie.

#### REST XI

The following have been chosen to represent the "Rest of the Colony" against Manila.

McAllister (Navy).  
Hou Yung-sang (Kwong Wah)

Ulrich (Kowloon)  
Lau Hing-choi (South China "A")  
N. Beltrao (St. Joseph's) (Capt.)

E. Strange (Club)  
Tam Kwong-sum (South China "A")

P. Jorge (Kowloon)  
Chan Tak-fai (South China "B")

J. Gomes (St. Joseph's)  
Riertsen (Kowloon).

#### STRONG ASSN. HOCKEY TEAM TO ENCOUNTER INTERPORTERS

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament eleven against the Interport team next Sunday morning on the Club ground, at 10.30 a.m.:

Pte. Osman (R.A.O.C.); L. B. Carter (R.A.) and R. J. Reed (Nomads); A. F. Austen (C.B.A.), M. H. Hassan (Radio), J. Parker (Police); D. T. Smith (C.B.A.), Gurbachan Singh (Radio), G. H. Fowler (C.B.A.), Sgt. Dawson (R.A.F.) (Captain) and Narwant Singh (Police).

Reserves:—J. M. Pinto (K.I.T.C.), E. Fowler (C.R.A.) and A. E. Xavier (Recrolo).

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# Colony Ladies For Shanghai?

## Expenses Main Bugbear

### Accommodation Problem In Shanghai

#### H.K.L.H.A. TO HOLD MEETING

(By "STICKS")

WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE HON. SECRETARY OF THE SHANGHAI LADIES' HOCKEY ASSOCIATION TO THE EFFECT THAT THEY ARE EXPECTING A TEAM FROM THE HONG KONG LADIES' HOCKEY ASSOCIATION TO VISIT SHANGHAI DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS!

The letter which Mrs. Webb, the local Hon. Secretary, received from Shanghai, was very vague and did not explain fully the position in the North, although they pointed out that they were experiencing difficulty at the moment with the accommodation of Hong Kong's players, should a team travel North.

They were certain, however, of getting over this difficulty in the very near future.

The main bugbear at the moment is finance. Shanghai Ladies were very hard hit by the war and the after-effects, and funds dropped to new low levels. They have hopes, however, of raising a sufficient amount to meet their immediate needs, but it appears that the main financial burden will probably fall on the shoulders of the visiting players, who will probably be expected to pay for their own fares, *both ways*.

Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Association's funds are in a very healthy way at the moment and there is a possibility that the Association may help towards passage expenses.

I believe a meeting of the Council of the H.K.L.H.A. will be convened for the very near future to discuss prospects of sending a team to Shanghai, but in the meantime it is hoped that news of a more definite kind will be received from the Shanghai Ladies' Hockey Association.

## COLONY HOCKEY PLAYERS TO HAVE TWO PRACTICE ENCOUNTERS

(By "STICKS")

Two practice hockey matches have been arranged for the 15 players invited to make the trip to Macao on February 19, for the Interport match against the Macao Hockey Club.

To-morrow afternoon on the Army ground, at Gascoigne Road, the Interport players will meet a Combined Indian team commencing at 4.45 p.m., while on Sunday next, February 12, they will meet a team drawn from the Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament teams, this match taking place on the Club ground, King's Park, at 10.30 a.m.

The following fifteen players are requested to bring one coloured shirt and to wear white shorts:

V. C. BOND (CLUB).  
S. A. FOWLER (C.B.A.).  
M. R. MALIK (R.I.T.C.).  
LT. GOODWIN (R. NAVY).  
LT. HOOK (R.A.).  
LT. CDR. KENNEDY (R. NAVY).  
R. MARQUES (RECREIO).  
W. A. REED (CLUB).  
J. GONSALVES (RECREIO).  
LT. PRITAM NATH (RAJPUTS).  
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N. WHITLEY (CLUB).  
LT. WOODS (R. NAVY).  
The two umpires selected to travel to Macao with the Colony team are R. Henderson and K. Hussein.



S. A. Fowler, Club right-winger, being tackled by H. Sommer during the final Interport hockey trial on the Club ground. Fowler is one of the 15 players invited to make the trip to Macao. J. Parker (Police) is seen in the background.



V. C. Bond (right) tackling Lt. Pritam Nath in the final Interport hockey trial on the Club ground. Both were subsequently selected, with thirteen other players, to make the trip to Macao a week next Sunday. H. Sommer is seen in the background.

## Highlights From The Ladies' Hockey Seven-A-Sides

(By "UBIQUE")

Favoured by good weather conditions, the Seven a-side hockey tournament sponsored by the Hong Kong Ladies Hockey Association provided some excellent sport which was witnessed by a large crowd, on the Central British School ground on Saturday afternoon.

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St. Andrew's Ladies won the Pearce Cup and are to be congratulated on their achievement, as they were without the services of their skipper and centre forward Miss P. Gittins. Miss E. Churn, however, filled the vacancy with great credit, obtaining the deciding goal in the final.

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Saints were also well served by Miss H. Reid, who, when she struck her form, proved a very dangerous left-winger, scoring two good goals against Hong Kong Ladies in the semi-final round, and obtaining the equaliser in the final round.

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"Y" Ladies were given a rude shock when they were fully extended by Central British Association in the First Round. Extra time, of over 20 minutes was needed before "Y" obtained a goal through Miss M. Smith, who was not in her best form, as she bungled many scoring opportunities earlier in the game.

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Miss D. Moss played a great game in C.B.A.'s goal, and was the outstanding player. She saved her side time and again. She was unfortunate not to have cleared the ball earlier before being robbed by Miss M. Smith who scored.

This was her only, but costly error in a game otherwise without blemish.

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Miss Hunt and the Misses Booker were also conspicuous. Miss M. Booker assisted her defence very well, while her sister was safe in her tackling.

Central British School were much the faster of the two teams in their clash with "Y" Ladies, in the semi-Final and won by two clear goals. "Y" ladies were suffering from the strain of the first game, and could not keep up with their younger and fresh opponents.

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The injury to Miss McCaw further lessened their chances and, though the game was evenly contested, the Schoolgirls, by virtue of their stamina and speed, won.

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Miss D. McCaw was outstanding in the School's attack, while Miss M. Shand displayed a fine turn of speed on the wing. In goal, Miss McKelvie was a great defender and relieved the pressure with sound clearances,



disposed of St. Andrew's and the "Y" Ladies, by the only goal, in each case. In the final they fully extend the winners and had hard luck in not equalising in the closing minutes, the good work of Miss Green and Miss G. Swan frustrating their endeavours.

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Miss P. Gonsalves was Recreio's outstanding defender, while all three forwards played well. They had many scoring opportunities, but over excitement and haste nullified their efforts.

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Miss A. Alves was always dangerous, whilst Miss C. Silva displayed good stick work. On the right wing, Miss B. Remedios made the best use of the ball and centred well.

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# HAMMOND'S TEST CAPTAINCY A "REVELATION"

## Comments On South Africa's Defeat INDISCRETION COST SPRINGBOKS THE MATCH

### ROYAL TOURISTS MAY WITNESS FOOTBALL GAME

Scots To Be In Canada For Series Of Matches

Winnipeg,

Hopes are entertained by the Dominion Football Association that the King and Queen may be their guests at a soccer match between a Scottish eleven and a Canadian team, when Their Majesties visit Canada this year.

Mr. Sam Davidson, secretary of the D.F.A., stated that arrangements were being made to this end. The visiting Scots arrive at Montreal on May 13 or 14 and will be touring the country while the King and Queen are in Canada.

"We are getting in touch with the Dominion Government heads, who will have to make the arrangements with the King and Queen," Mr.

### WADE AND DAVIES MAY BE DROPPED FOR FOURTH TEST

Durban, (By Air Mail) — E. Q. Davies, the fast bowler, and W. W. Wade, the wicket-keeper, will, it is understood, be dropped from the South African team to play England in the fourth Test match, beginning at Johannesburg on February 18.

Davies has not impressed in the last two Tests, and Wade's form behind the wicket was not up to his first Test standard. He made errors which proved costly in the present match.

Davidson said.

The match which, it is hoped, the King and Queen will attend, will not necessarily be played in Winnipeg.

DURBAN, (By Air Mail). — Warm tributes are paid here to W. R. Hammond's captaincy in the Third Test match which England won so convincingly. "The way in which Hammond captained the team was a revelation," said Mr. S. J. Pitts, the vice-president of the South African Cricket Association. Mr. Pitts continued — "The fact that the South Africans lost the match does not mean that the fourth will not be drawn."

He added that the deciding factor in the match was that Hammond had five bowlers, each of whom was capable of being effective, though the South African batsmen did not produce their true form in the first innings.

The "Johannesburg Star" cricket writer says: — "The fiery bowling of Farnes, and the South Africans' wholesale weakness in playing his rising balls, brought England a well-deserved victory."

But Melville's team is not yet out of the hunt. Hammond's fielding was a magnificent contribution to the victory.

The Natal Mercury says: — "Indiscretion was the cause of the South African defeat. It was not to be hoped that South Africa could save the game after the tragedies of Saturday, but she might have still prevented an innings defeat if the batsmen had not flicked at balls to the off. The South Africans were beaten by a far better side, which from Friday until this afternoon, played winning cricket."

#### DON'T LIKE DRAWN GAMES

After the match A. Melville, the South African captain, said: — "I am glad to have come to a decision this time. I don't like these drawn games."

W. R. Hammond, England's captain — "I am not allowed to make any statement—not even when we have won."

Mr. A. J. Holmes, manager of the M.C.C. team, said: — "We have had a very fine game. We were lucky enough to win. I think we fielded very well, and owed much of our victory to Hammond's brilliant catching."

H. G. Deane, the former South African captain, said: — "For the three Tests England has had the pressure on us. The tension of drawn games has been broken. I am not sure whether it will not be a good thing, as now it is evident that our batsmen must go for a win."

## ENGLAND TO PLAY ITALY, JUGOSLAVIA AND RUMANIA

The international Selection Committee of the Football Association have announced that providing satisfactory arrangements can be made, England will play the following matches on the Continent in May:

v. Italy, at Milan (May 13).  
v. Jugoslavia, at Belgrade (May 18 or 20).  
v. Rumania, at Bucharest (May 24).

## RUGBY LEAGUE CUP SECOND ROUND

London To-day. The following is the draw for the second round of the Rugby League Cup, which will take place on February 18:

Leeds v. Widnes.  
Bradford or Seaton v. Oldham.  
Liverpool or St. Helens, Recreation v. Wigan.  
Leighley v. Featherstone.  
Broughton or Wakefield v. Warrington.  
Salford v. Hunslet.  
Halifax v. Hull Kingston.  
Swinton v. Bramley. — Reuter.

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# BRILLIANT TRIPLE PLAY

## Sunday's Softball Full Of Incident

**FILIPINO GIRLS' LUCKY VICTORY:  
PIRATES' PITCHER SHINES**

### *Sabhan's Brilliant Game For H.K. Electric*

(By "GRAND STAND")

**BOTH** teams playing bone-head ball, Recreio Men downed the Canadian Chinese by 20-11 in their Softball League clash last Sunday. Errors galore featured the contest. The Maple Leafs miscued 11 to the Recs 9. Johnny Alvares, Recreio's star twirler, was very erratic and issued 11 free-tickets to first.

Lang Wong pitched a good game for the "Canucks", but 9 hits by the Portuguese Lads aided by 11 errors resulted in the Maple Leaf's downfall.

The fielding gem of the fracas was second baseman Young Lee's triple play unassisted. He put Beltrao out on a fly, touched second to retire Prata then pegged a perfect one to first to nab Figueiredo for the third out!

Lem Wong and Johnny Delgado were the heavy hitters for Canadians. For Recs, Mike Mendonca and Charlie Figueiredo were the heavy-strikers with one two-bagger each.

#### Good Pilferers

The fighting Trojans suffered their sixth setback in the current season when they bowed to the strong Filipino clan, 4-1. Good pitching on both sides featured the game. Twirler Loyola, for the P. I. men, only allowed three hits and one walk. For the Trojans, heavier Silva-Netto allowed five hits and one pass to first. The Filipinos' pilfering and good base-running gave them their four runs on five bingles.

Paulino, the diminutive Filipino short-stop, shone for the victors in fielding honours, making eight chances with only one error besides executing the only double-play of the encounter.

Alves and Gonzales divided honours for the longest hit of the fray. They knocked a two-bagger each.

#### Worst Defeat

The Emma Gees suffered their worst defeat this season at the hands of CBA boys. The sharpshooters were overwhelmed by the Britishers 19-6. As usual the Defence men were without the services of their regular players. Some of them were playing cricket and others were playing Softball for their Inter-Hong teams.

The khaki boys used three pitchers to face the CBA sluggers, but to no avail. Sammy Izatt started on the mound for the Emma Gees, but was yanked out in the third frame after he allowed seven CBA huskies to romp home. Archie Zimmerman tried his luck for the first time on the mound, but was not successful. In the fourth inning Porter stepped into the breach, but he too bowed down to the CBA slingers. The Machine Gunners played miserable ball, erring nine times to CBA'S 4. CBA also played very loose ball, maybe because of their weak opposition.

George Fowler took things very calmly on the slab for CBA, allowing 10 hits and 6 free tickets to first. E. Fowler smacked a "homer" and Bill "Play First" Muir distinguished himself with a triple and a double.

#### SUNDAY'S SOFTBALL RESULTS

##### MEN'S LEAGUE

Recreio 20 Canadian Chinese 11. Filipinos 4 Trojans 1. C.B.A. 19 Machine Gunners 6. Forum 4 St. Joseph's 3.

##### WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Filipinos 17 Cubs 16. Wahoos 12 Pirates 6.

##### INTER-HONG LEAGUE

"Lacas" 10 H.K.S.B. 2. Kai Tak Civil 25 R.A.F. 5. Union Insurance 35 Amer. Express 5. D. F. Green Spots 18 Chartered Bank 3. Socony 26 Ewo 6. H. K. Electric 8 China Underwriters 6.

#### Al Roza's Misfortune

The nightcap between English Forum and St. Joseph's was the tightest game of the day. Both pitchers only allowed four hits each. Al Roza, doing mound duty for the first time in his young life, twirled very well for a beginner, but was unlucky to receive a nasty cut on the hand when he tried to stop a batted ball.

Besides hurling a good game Roza clouted a three-bagger, which was the longest hit of the tussle. Bill Quon pitched an excellent game, but unfortunately marred his good work by erring twice afield. Richard Chung and Kitchell were outstanding in the field for Forum.

#### A Lucky "Nose"

In a drawn-out game which lasted almost two hours, the Filipino Girls were fortunate indeed in nosing out the Cubs 17-16. E. Fadeira started pitching for the Southern gals, but was erratic. She was yanked out in the second frame when Fausta Dimanlig took over the assignment to the end. The game was a hitting contest with both teams slugging the ball all over the Filipino Club ground.

A thrilling finish ended the seventh inning game, when hurler Dimanlig won her own game by scoring the winning tally on Sunday's hit. Aida Wong, who went the full route on the slab for the Cubs, pitched a great game and clouted the longest hit of the fray, bringing in two ahead of her. Betty Longbottom, donning the Cuba uniform for the first time, made some good catches at right-field.

#### Lacked "Umph!"

The Wahoos further strengthened their standing in the Women's League by spanking the Pirates to the tune of 12-6. The Pirates played a hitting game, touching the Wahoo hurling ace Teresa Noranha 16 clear bingles, but they did not



Dorothy Round, now Mrs. D. L. Little, of Dudley, and mother of a bonny son, is returning to tennis this summer. She has already started training with a view to playing at Wimbledon in June, and is likely to be invited to lead the British team for the Wightman Cup matches in America. Photo shows — Dorothy Round (Mrs. Little) (right) going out for a practice game at Birmingham with Miss Betty Clements, senior and junior champion of Warwickshire. (By "Air Mail").

have the necessary "umph" and baseball knowledge to convert these hits into runs.

Maudie Reed, the Pirate hurler, pitched an excellent game and did not deserve the loser's end. She only allowed the Wahoos 8 hits. The Buccaneers were rather weak on the field, where they made 16 errors to give the Wahoos 12 runs on 8 hits.

Wahoos, on the other hand, played tight ball making only a couple of miscues. Ada Suffiad smacked the only circuit clout of the game.

#### Five One Sided Games

Of the six games played in the Inter-Hong League on Sunday, five of them were too one sided to be worth commenting on. The Hong Kong Electric-China Underwriters fracas was the only clash which looked like a ball game. As time marches on, fans should see a better brand of softball in the Inter-Hong League, when the weaker teams get more practice and know more about the game.

As it now is, most of the teams are composed entirely of inexperienced players and when they meet a strong aggregation, like in most cases last Sunday, the result is a no-contest affair.

#### Sabhan Brilliant

The H. K. Electric-China Underwriters game went one extra stanza before the issue was decided 8-6 in favour of the Electricans. Both pitchers only allowed four hits apiece.

Sabhan, H. K. Electric's second baseman played a brilliant game both on the field and with the stick. He slugged two clean hits, scored three runs and stole four bases.

The Underwriters could have scored more, but bad base-running robbed them of all the chances they had to score. They left 10 runners on bases.

By crushing Ewo's nine 26-6 Socony proved their mettle. With Harris, Brown and A. V. Gozano in their line-up, Socony should be well on the top of the League heap when the season ends. Other teams which should be strong contenders for the Championship are Dutch Bank, APC Shell, Union Insurance, Greenspot and Hong Kong Electric.

## Harvey To Meet Three Americans

Meets Louis If He Beats Them All

(By AIR MAIL)

Len Harvey, the British heavy-weight champion, has accepted an offer made by a new London promotion syndicate to fight three leading American boxers at the Earl's Court Exhibition Building. It is understood that the sum guaranteed is nearly £10,000.

If Harvey wins all three fights an effort will be made to obtain a match for him with Joe Louis for the world title, either in the United States or in London next autumn.

A cabled offer has been made to James J. Braddock, former World Champion, now contemplating a "come-back," to be Harvey's first opponent late in January or in February. Failing him, it is hoped to persuade Bob Pastor, the New York heavy-weight, who went the full distance with Louis, to come over.

#### CLOSE ALLIANCE

Armand-Vincent, of Earl's Court, is the man acting for the syndicate. Harvey met him and agreed to terms. Mr. Vincent, who came to England from New York last winter, has a close alliance with Mike Jacobs the American promoter, who will no doubt be only too willing to join in, if Harvey can be "built up" into a drawing card for a world title fight in America.

Mr. Vincent explained that Harvey has to win his first fight to allow the scheme to be completed. Negotiations have been started with Joe Gould, manager of Braddock, who also manages Tommy Farr. If he decides to accept the match for Braddock, Gould may be tempted to put in Tommy Farr for the second Greenspot and Hong Kong Electric fight.

'Three People' A Play  
From The Studio

12.30 p.m.—Pils and Tabet (Vocal) and Continental Orchestras.  
Parade Of The City Guards (Jessel);  
A Musical Suit Box (Liadow). . . .  
Orchestre Raymonde.  
C'Est Le Début D'Une Aventure (Nohain-Mireille); Quand On A Mal Aux Dents (Nohain-Mireille);  
Pils Et Tabet (Vocal) with Piano.  
Toi Seule—Tango (Mario); Laisse-Moi T'Aimer—Tango (Meiff). . . .  
Mario Melfi & His Argentin Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by M. Rolland.  
Qu'Est Ce Qu'On Attend (Miaraki);  
On N'As Pas Besoin De La Lune (Mistraki). . . .  
Pils et Tabet (Vocal) with Piano.  
La Follette (Marchesi). . . .  
Erich Olschewski & His Orchestra.  
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—Renara at the Piano.  
"Glamorous Night" Waltz Medley (Novello); Zing! Went The Strings Of My Heart ("Gay Deceivers"—Hanley); "Sweet Adeline" Piano Medley (Hammerstein 2nd & Kern).  
1.15 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.30 p.m.—Dance Music.  
Fox-Trots—The Dippy Doodle; Jubilee (film 'Every Day's a Holiday'); Nat Gonella & His Georgians.

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Fox-Trot—I Double Dare You . . .  
Freddy Gardner & His Swing Orch.  
4.00 p.m.—Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: Dr. T. W. Ware. Subject: "The Public and Some Public Health Problems".  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
6 p.m.—Relay of Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.  
(a) I have eyes; (b) Joobalai; (c) A little kiss at twilight; (d) It don't make sense.  
6.14 p.m.—Record: Dixon Hits No. 21 . . . Reginald Dixon (Organ).  
6.21 p.m.—(a) Sweet Heartache; (b) There's honey on the Moon to-night; (c) Believe me; (d) I'm gonna lock my heart.  
6.35 p.m.—Records: Goodnight, My Love (from 'Stowaway'); There's Something In The Air (from 'Banjo on my Knee') . . . Ruth Etting (Vocal) with Orchestra.  
Medley. Intro: Is it true what they say about Dixie? When a Lady meets a Gentleman down South; Sing, Baby, sing . . . Tarrant Bailey (Banjo) with Orchestra.  
6.44 p.m.—(a) There's a far away look in your eyes; (b) When the Heather

is in bloom; (c) St. Louis Blues; (d) Sensation.

7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 p.m.—A Russian Programme.

Midnight Review (Glinka). . . .

Theodore Chaliapine (Bass) with Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.

Stenka Razina (Glazounow). . . .

Orchestra of The Brussels Royal Conservatoire cond. by Desire Deau.

Scherzo (Borodin); Serenade, Op. 3, No. 5 (Rachmaninoff). . . . Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano).

Song of the Needy Pilgrim (Nevertreue-Manikin); Arise, Red Sun (Russian Folk Song). . . . Theodore

Chaliapine (Bass) with the Afonsky Choir & Balalaika Orchestra.

With A Russian Gypsy Orchestra (Meyer-Helmund). . . . Alfredo &

His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

Russian Medley Of Folk Songs (Traditional—arr. Sorokin); Gypsy Caravan (Traditional—arr. Sorokin). . . . Sorokin Russian Choir cond. by Capt. S. Sorokin.

Prelude Slav: From Sunrise To Sunset; Beautiful Moon; Along Petrograd Road; Bake No Bread; Sleep My Baby; Moscow; Ballet from 'Konick Gorbutnik' . . . . Russian

Vagabonds cond. by Theodore Katz.

The Epic of Serge Jaroff's Don Cossack Choir (Prof. Schwedoff); The

Song of the Terek Cossack's (arr. Jaroff). . . . Don Cossack Choir cond. by Serge Jaroff.

Caucasia (Iwanoff). . . . Russian Balalaika Orchestra.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Light Orchestral Concert.

Tintagel (Bax); Mediterranean (Bax). . . . New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.

Sylvia Ballet (Delibes); Love's Dream After The Ball (Czibulka). . . . Mandoline Orchestra.

Poem (Fibich); Speak To Me Of Love (Lenoir). . . . Tom Jones & His Orchestra.

10 p.m.—Studio—"Three People". A Play by Robert Victor. Characters: John Watson, Leonard Grey, Evelyn Watson.

10.15 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.

"The Yeomen Of The Guard"—Vocal

Gems (Gilbert & Sullivan). . . . Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

"The Pirates Of Penzance"—Vocal

Gems (Gilbert & Sullivan). . . . Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

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Quickstep—The Gypsy In My Soul; Fox-Trot—Let Us Be Sweethearts Over Again . . . . Nat Gonella & His Georgians with Vocal Refrain by Nat Gonella & Stella Moya.

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Fox-Trots—Somebody's Thinking Of You To-night; Picture Me In Paradise . . . . Jack Harris & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

11 p.m.—Close down.

Instrumental  
Trio From Studio

(Tenor) with Orchestra (In German).

Be praised thou peaceful night ('The Vagabond'—Ziehrer); O Vienna, my beloved Vienna ('The Tourist Guide'—Ziehrer). . . . Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Orchestra (In German).

Can I Forget You (film 'High, Wide and Handsome'). . . . Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra cond. by G. Walter (In English).

8.50 p.m.—Studio—Trio—Pruo Lewis (Violin), Ettore Pellegrini (Cello) and Lindsay A. Lafford (Piano).

(a) Allegro con spirito.  
(b) Scherzo.  
(c) Elegie.  
(d) Allegro con fuoco.

9.20 p.m.—Harry Goss-Gustard at the Organ.

Fantaisie—The Storm (Lémmens).

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Military Band Music.

Old Folks At Home And In Foreign Lands (C. J. Roberts): (a) America; (b) France; (a) Scotland; (d) Spain; (e) Germany; (f) Ireland; (g) Italy; (h) Hungary. . . . H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.

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11 p.m.—Close down.

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♦ x x x  
♣ K x x

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♦ A J 9 5 2  
♥ 3  
♦ A K Q 4  
♣ 7 3  
♦ 4  
♥ A K 8 2  
♦ 7 3  
♦ K Q J 9  
6 5

♠ N Q J 9 7 4  
W J 10 6 5  
S 6 5  
♣ 10 2

♦ Q 8 7 6 3  
♥ 10 6 5  
♦ 9 2  
♣ A 8 4

The bidding:

West North East South  
1♦ Dbl. 1♥ 1♦  
INT 4♦ Pass Pass  
5♦ 5♦ Pass Pass

Pass

West's second-round bid of one notrump with one small spade was of course an out-and-out psychic. But there was shrewd reasoning behind his bid. In the first place, there was very little chance that he would play the hand at this contract, and in fact he was very much afraid that North and South could make a game in spades. Thus the psychic one notrump had a dual purpose behind it. First, West hoped that this bid might deter his opponents from going higher in spades than he could afford to overcall with hearts. Secondly, West hoped that in the event that his opponents finally obtained the contract in spades, his one notrump bid might protect some possible spade honour in his partner's hand.

While we feel that South should have solved the problem presented to him, we must admit that the psychic bid certainly worked. Against five spades, West opened the King of hearts, then shifted to a club. After winning with the Ace, South led a spade, confidently finessed West for the King and was promptly set.

Would you have been deceived by West's tricky bid?

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## COMPANY MEETINGS

HUMPHREYS ESTATE  
& FINANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be HELD at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 16th. February, 1939, at 12 NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st. December, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 4th. February, to THURSDAY, 16th. February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hong Kong, 24th Jan., 1939.

THE "STAR" FERRY  
COMPANY, LIMITED

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1939, to FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of  
Directors,  
C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 30th January, 1939.

HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th. February, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st. December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, the 13th. February to SATURDAY, the 25th. February, 1939, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of  
Directors.  
V. M. GRAYBURN,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 6th. February, 1939.

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On View from Wednesday, the 8th. February, 1939.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers.  
Hong Kong, 6th. February, 1939.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on Friday, the 10th. February, 1939 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, Ground Floor.

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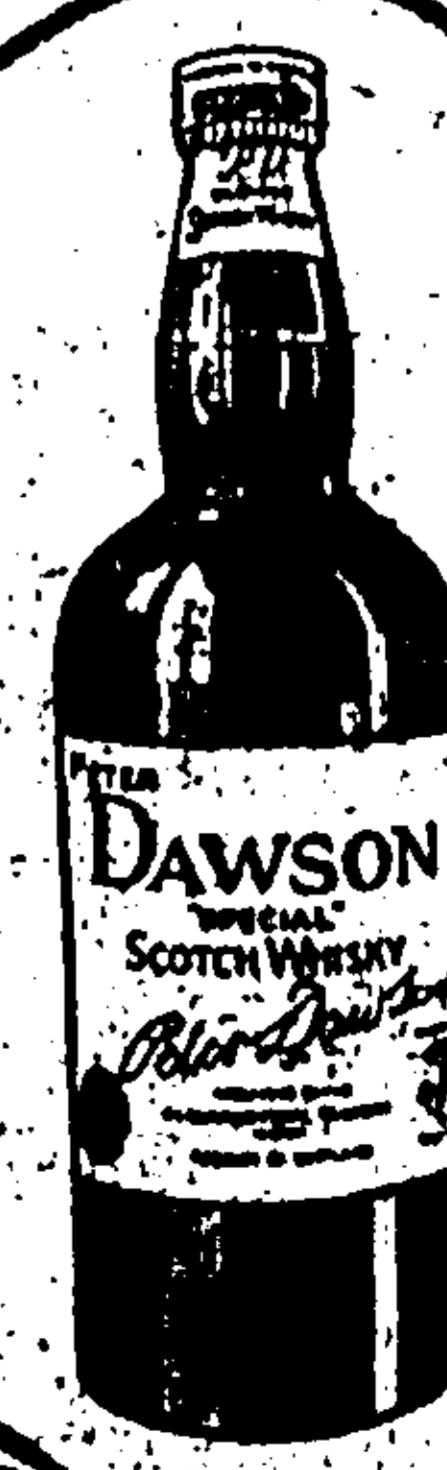
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## ATTENTION TURNS TO SPANISH WAR

(Continued from Page 1)

The two Governments are in touch with Dr. Negrin and his colleagues on one hand and the Burgos authorities on the other, and they will continue to urge humanitarian considerations in the furtherance of which their good office will remain available.

### APPEAL TO BRITAIN?

London, To-day. The British and French Governments have, it is stated here, taken steps with the aim of putting an end to the hostilities in Spain. In competent quarters, however, silence is maintained concerning these efforts.

It is officially neither confirmed nor denied that the Spanish Republican Government has addressed an appeal to the British Government to intervene and has informed Downing Street of the conditions under which it would be prepared to consent to an immediate cessation of fighting.

Similar silence is observed regarding a report that General Franco has already rejected these conditions and insists on unconditional surrender of the Republican troops. Political circles nevertheless believe that this report, which appears in last evening's newspapers, may be true.

It is known that the British Government is in close touch on this subject and no doubt is entertained

## MALAYAN TRADE SHOWS STARTLING DECREASE

Singapore, To-day.

Malay's overseas trade last year showed a decline of £54,000,000, according to figures released yesterday.

Exports from Malaya for the year totalled only £68,000,000, compared with £105,000,000 the previous year, while imports declined from £81,000,000 to £65,000,000.

The startling decrease in exports was mainly due to smaller shipments of rubber and tin.

Imports from Japan for the year showed a decrease of 75 per cent.

in political circles that both Governments will do their utmost to prevent further useless shedding of blood.

### SPLIT IN RANKS

In the opinion of British political circles matters are complicated by the departure from Spain of the Republican Government as well as by doubts regarding its internal cohesion.

No indication is as yet forthcoming whether the British Government will be prepared to assume a part of the costs arising for the French Government out of the retreat of the Spanish Republican troops into French territory.

It is believed that the question will also be discussed in the course of the negotiations now going on between London and Paris—Trans-Ocean.

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## COMMONS PASS EXPORT CREDIT MEASURE

London, To-day.

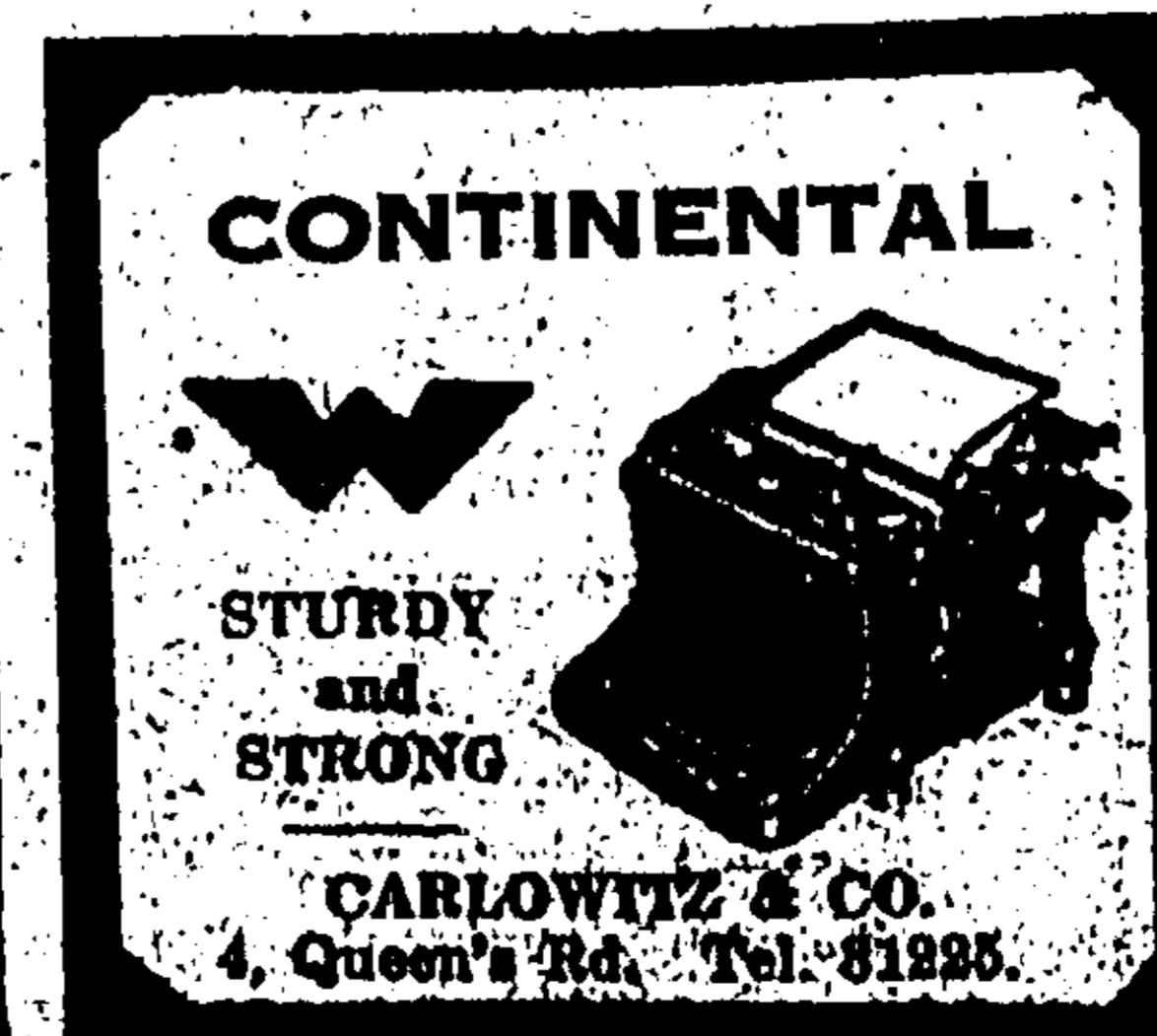
The House of Commons yesterday passed the Export Credit Guarantee Bill, which now goes to the House of Lords.

The Bill increases the maximum of the Government's liability of £75,000,000, and provides for guarantees up to £10,000,000 in respect of home produced goods, export of which might not be undertaken as an ordinary commercial risk but which is in the national interest.

British Wireless.

## N.R.C. CHAIRMAN AT SHUMCHUN

Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, Acting Chairman of the National Relief Commission, inspected the Chinese refugees at Shumchun across the British border yesterday afternoon. He found there were still about 4,000 refugees in the care of various Hong Kong charity organisations. About 98 per cent. of them are women and children. Practically all able-bodied men have returned to their native villages.



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